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1996–97

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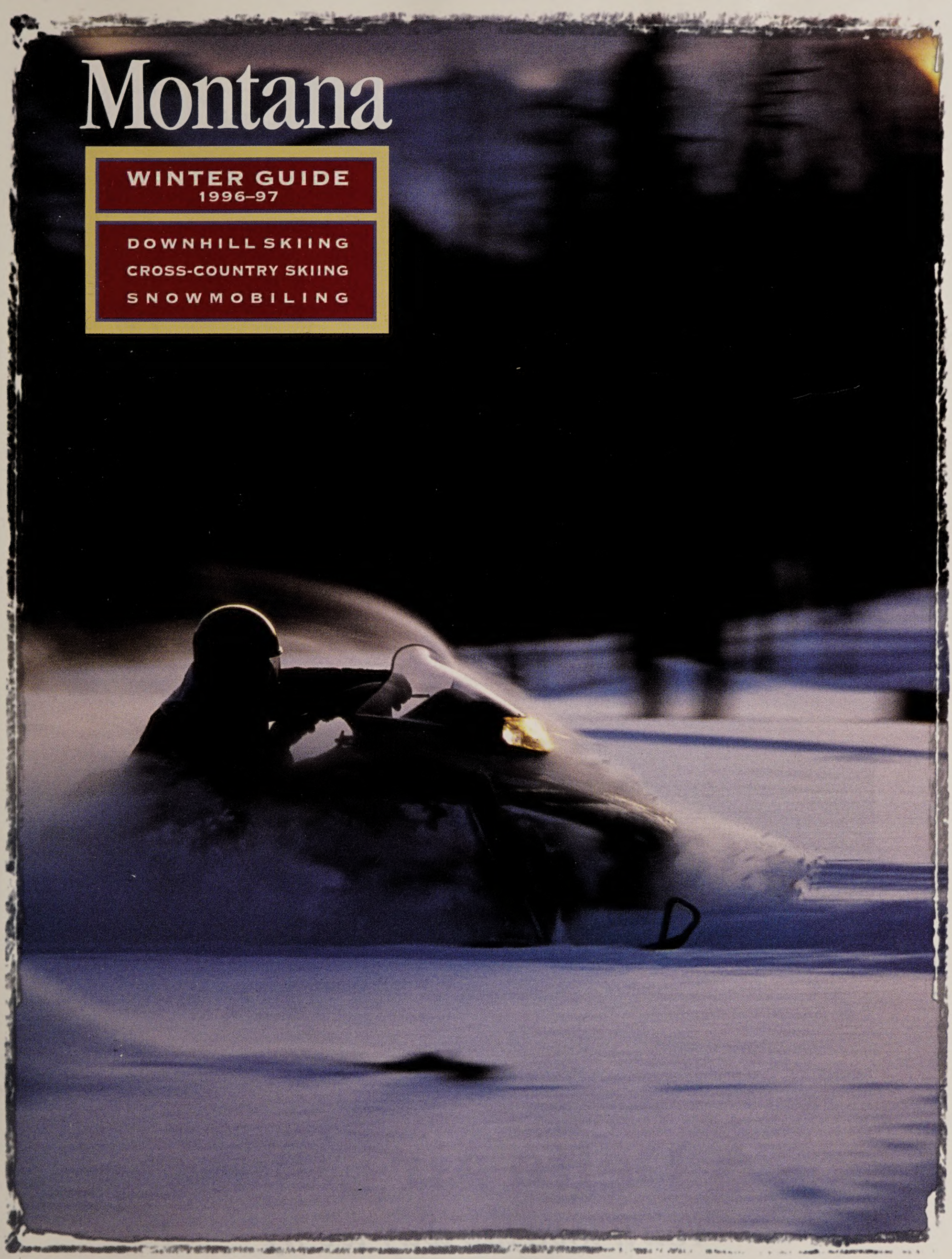

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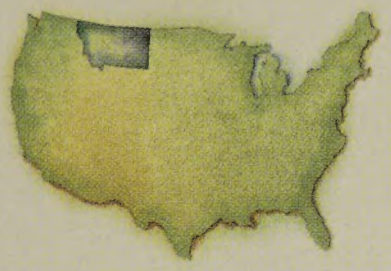

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SKIING COVER PHOTO: BOB ALLEN
SNOWMOBILING COVER PHOTO: COURTESY YELLOWSTONE TOUR & TRAVEL

Start with snow, add friendly resorts, short lift lines and reasonable prices, and you have winter, Montana-style. It is a season of celebration and unspeakable beauty. But remember, it is just one of the seasons of Montana. ❄ In spring, skiing and snowmobiling give way to whitewater rafting, mountain biking, horseback riding, camping, hiking and fishing. In addition to outdoor recreational activities, Montana offers a year-round calendar of events ranging from Indian powwows, cowboy poetry readings and rodeos, to music and art festivals, concerts, kayak races and winter carnivals. ❄ Travel Montana has all the information you need to plan your trip, including guides with information on camping, lodging, attractions, events and recreational opportunities.

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Winter in Montana is a celebration of contrasts:

exhilaration and repose, brilliant sunshine and heavy snowfall, frosty days and snug nights by the fire. Above all, it is a season of profound beauty. As the woods fill up with snow, elk, deer, bighorn sheep and other wildlife move down to the lower elevations and Montana's sunny skies bring warmth to a wintry landscape. ❄ Try Montana in winter, and you will discover what winter recreation can be because Montana offers all of the pleasure and none of the hassle. Just perfect powder snow, brilliant blue sky, easy access, friendly faces and affordable prices. Some say Montana is at its best when it is under a blanket of snow!

WINTER

ROGER WADE

RODNEY SCHLECHT

BOB ALLEN

VICTOR BJORNBERG

WINTER WILDLIFE VIEWING

Winter is the best season to see much of Montana's abundant wildlife. Scan windswept hillsides for elk and bighorn sheep. Search ice-free lakes and rivers for ducks, Canada geese and swans. Look, too, for tracks. Snow creates a perfect stage for the wildlife drama that plays out daily in Montana's backcountry. Bring a field guide to animal tracks to help you decipher wildlife clues imprinted on snow. But please don't disturb wildlife. These birds and animals need to conserve their energy to survive the winter months.

WINTER IS MORE THAN SNOW SPORTS

There's more to winter than skiing and snowmobiling. Get behind a team of sled dogs and let winter get in your face. Augur a hole in the ice and wait for a school of perch or salmon to tap your line. Visit the U.S. High Altitude Sports Center in Butte for a glimpse of world-class speed-skating, or Canyon Ferry Lake near Helena for close-up views of bald eagles as they pause during their migration to feed on spawning kokanee salmon.

Montana is more than an exhilarating day outdoors. It is historical museums and art galleries, ghost towns and lively cities, fine dining, shopping and hidden resorts that are perfect for winter naps.

GETTING TO AND AROUND MONTANA

Some ski and snowmobile areas are minutes from an airport or train station; others are a short drive on scenic highways. The following carriers can get you to Montana snow:

AMTRAK 800-872-7245
Big Sky Airlines 800-237-7788
Delta/Delta Connection 800-221-1212
Horizon Air 800-547-9308
Northwest Airlines 800-225-2525
Skywest 800-953-9417
United Airlines 800-241-6522

MONTANA SKI REPORTS AND TRAVEL INFORMATION

800-VISIT MT ext. 6WG (out of state)
(800-847-4868)
406-444-2654 (in Montana)
Internet address: http://travel.mt.gov/

ROAD CONDITIONS

406-444-6339
800-226-ROAD (7623)

BOB ALLEN

CHUCK HANEY

SALVATORE VASAPOLLI

SCOTT SPIKER

If you love to ski, Montana has a sweet deal for you.

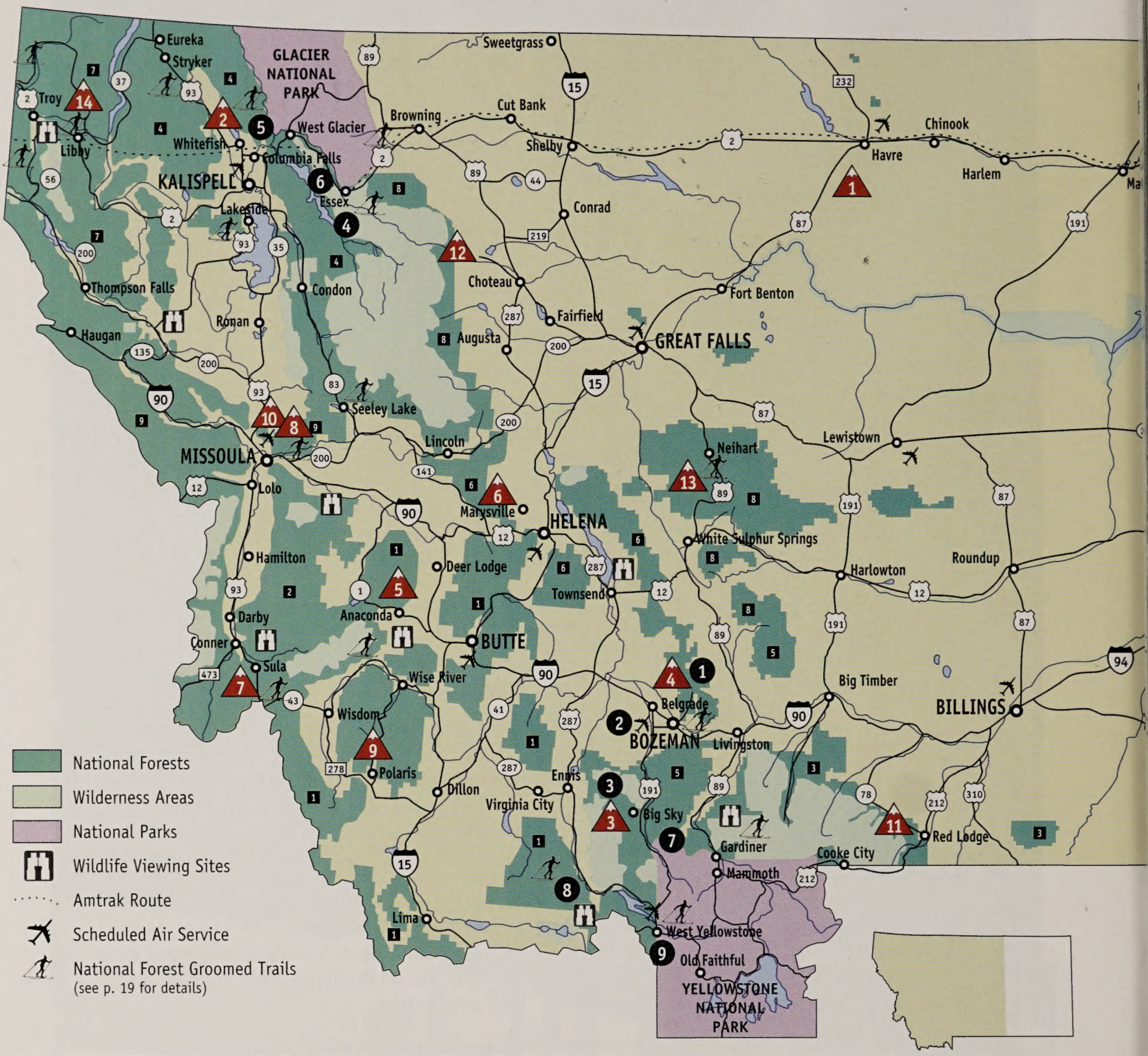
We invite you to rediscover the pure joy of downhill skiing—Montana-style. It starts with sunshine, blue sky and plenty of powder. Its hallmark is the happy fatigue that comes from too many runs. Its value lies in sensible prices and your certain knowledge that this is what skiing was meant to be.

Montana offers you a full menu of downhill ski options. Our 14 downhill ski areas range from destination resorts, where you and your friends or family will want to settle in for a week, to popular day-use areas. The quality and quantity of Montana's skiable terrain compares with the best in the West. ❄ All of our resorts and day-use areas are come-as-you-are. If you're coming with kids, many provide day care and all-day ski camps. If you're coming as a beginner, we have expert, friendly instructors who make sure your first ski trip won't be your last. If you're coming as an expert or extreme skier, you won't be disappointed. If you're coming with snowboards or telemark skis, you're welcome here! ❄ Beyond the skiing, there are snow dances and spring carnivals, sleighrides and seven-course dinners, fun-loving ski towns and quiet nights by the fire. You set the style. Leave the snow and the service to us.

DOWNHILL

TIM RICE

DOWNHILL AREAS & GROOMED CROSS-COUNTRY AREAS



NATIONAL FORESTS

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4. Flathead N.F.
5. Gallatin N.F.
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DOWNHILL SKI AREA QUICK REFERENCE CHART

		AVG. SNOWFALL	VERTICAL DROP	BASE ELEVATION	TOP ELEVATION	LIFT CAPACITY/HR.	LIFTS*	RUNS	% BEGINNER	% INTERMEDIATE	% ADVANCED	ADULT RATES**	CHILDREN RATES**	SNOWBOARDING	
1	Bear Paw Ski Bowl Havre 406-265-8404	140	900	4,200	5,280	720	1D 1S	9	25	25	50	$15	8 & under free†	Yes	Day use area 29 miles S of Havre, along Amtrak route on Rocky Boy Indian Reservation; full services in Havre
2	Big Mountain Whitefish 406-862-1900 Fax 406-862-2955	300	2,300	4,700	7,000	13,672	2Q 2S 1D 4T	63	25	55	20	$38	$25 6 & under free†	Yes	Full service destination resort in NW Montana, on Amtrak route & served by Delta, Northwest & Horizon airlines; near Glacier National Park
3	Big Sky Big Sky 800-548-4486 Fax 406-995-5001	400	4,180	6,970	11,150	18,000	1TR 4Q 1G 3T 3D 3S	75	10	47	43	$46	10 & under free†	Yes	Full service destination & conference resort between Bozeman & Yellowstone National Park; open summer & winter
4	Bridger Bowl Bozeman 800-223-9609 Fax 406-586-1518	350	2,000	6,100	8,100	7,300	1Q 5D	60	25	35	40	$28	$12 5 & under free†	Yes	Destination area with plenty of skiing & full services in the nearby university town of Bozeman
5	Discovery Basin Anaconda 406-563-2184 Fax 406-563-7036	200	1,300	6,850	8,150	4,300	1T 3D	40	33	33	33	$22	$11	Yes	Day use area near Anaconda; cafeteria, lounge, sales & rentals & cross-country trails; Fairmont Hot Springs Resort 30 miles east
6	Great Divide Marysville 406-449-3746 Fax 406-443-0540	150	1,510	5,720	7,230	2,300	3D	60+	15	35	50	$20	$10 5 & under free†	Yes	Day use area about 20 miles NW of Helena; cafeteria, bar, restaurant, night skiing, groomed cross-country skiing; full services in Helena
7	Lost Trail Powder Mtn. Conner 406-821-3211 Fax 406-821-3508	300	1,200	6,600	7,800	1,925	2D 2S	18	20	60	20	$17	$9 5 & under free†	Yes	Day use area S of Missoula on the Montana-Idaho border; lodging nearby; 6 miles to Lost Trail Hot Springs
8	Marshall Mtn. Missoula 406-258-6000	150	1,500	3,900	5,400	3,000	1T 2S	22	15	65	20	$17	5 & under free†	Yes	Day use area outside of Missoula; lessons, rentals, snack bar, pub, night skiing; full services in Missoula
9	Maverick Mtn. Dillon 406-834-3454 Fax 406-834-3540	180	2,120	6,500	8,620	700	1D 1S	16	20	40	40	$18	$11 5 & under free†	Yes	Day use area W of Dillon; open Thurs.–Sun.; half-price lift tickets Thurs. & Fri.; nursery available/reservations required
10	Montana Snowbowl Missoula 406-549-9777	300	2,600	5,000	7,600	3,400	2D 2S	32	20	40	40	$25	$11 5 & under free†	Yes	Regional destination area outside of Missoula; vertical drop attracts extreme skiers but there's plenty of variety for other skill levels
11	Red Lodge Mountain Red Lodge 406-446-2610 Fax 406-446-3604	250	2,350	7,100	9,416	10,690	2Q 4D 1T 1S	45	15	55	30	$29	$10	Yes	Destination area with expanded skiing, family fun & full services in the fun-loving, Western town of Red Lodge
12	Rocky Mountain Hi Fairfield 406-467-3664	300	1,000	6,400	7,400	1,000	1D 1S	25	20	50	30	$20	7 & under free	Yes	Day use area on the Rocky Mountain Front; rentals, lessons, lounge & concessions; services in Choteau
13	Showdown Ski Area Neihart 406-236-5522 Fax 406-236-5523	240	1,400	6,800	8,200	3,000	1T 1D 2S	34	30	40	30	$24	$13 5 & under free†	Yes	Day use area S of Great Falls; cross-country & snowmobile trails nearby; services in Neihart, Monarch, White Sulphur Springs & Great Falls
14	Turner Mountain Libby 406-293-4317	200	2,110	3,842	5,952	500	1S	26	5	20	75	$16	$13 6 & under free†	Yes	Day use area 22 miles N of Libby in Montana's northwest corner; warming hut & snack bar; services in Libby
	Dream Ski 406-862-1998/ 406-758-5411	The Dream Disabled Ski Program on The Big Mountain. Adaptive ski program for individuals with disabilities. Individualized one-on-one ski instruction, free use of adaptive ski equipment and lessons by appointment. Runs 12/1–3/31													
	Eagle Ski Montana	A similar adaptive ski program for people with special needs, offered at Bridger Bowl, Red Lodge Mountain & Showdown. Both downhill & cross-country skiing are taught on a one-on-one basis. Bridger Bowl: 406-586-1781; Red Lodge: 406-245-5422; Showdown: 406-454-1449													

* Lifts TR — tram, Q — high-speed quad chair, G — high-speed detachable gondola, T — triple, D — double, S — surface

** Rates—Rates subject to change †with paying adult

BIG MOUNTAIN SKI & SUMMER RESORT

P.O. Box 1400, Whitefish, MT 59937 ❄ Reservations: 800-858-3913 or 406-862-1900, Fax 406-862-2955

As if 63 runs, unlimited tree skiing and two sides of a mountain weren't enough, The Big Mountain's next door neighbor is Glacier National Park with more than one million acres of winter scenery for cross-country skiers.

3 days skiing/ 3 nights lodging starts at $216 per person, double occupancy. Rates do not include applicable taxes.

SCOTT SPIKER

Base Elevation 4,700 ft.
Top Elevation 7,000 ft.
Vertical Drop 2,300 ft.
Longest Run 2.5 mi.
Lift Capacity 13,672 skiers/hr.
Average Annual Snowfall 300 in.

LOCATION

8 miles N of Whitefish, 23 miles N of Kalispell, in northwest Montana

GETTING HERE

Amtrak to Whitefish from east and west
Delta, Northwest and Horizon Air to Glacier Park International Airport, Kalispell
Transfers from airport and train depot available with confirmed reservations
Rental cars and taxis available

SEASON

November 28–April 6
Open daily 9 am–4:30 pm
Night skiing mid-December–March, Wednesday–Saturday, 4–9 pm

TRAILS & SLOPES

63 runs, unlimited tree skiing
3,000 acres on the Flathead National Forest
25% beginner, 55% intermediate, 20% advanced
Snowboarders, telemark & mono-skiers welcome

LIFTS

Quads ..... 1 detachable, 1 fixed grip
Chairs ..... 4 triple, 1 double
Surface 2

RATES

Adult $38
Junior 7–18 ..... $25
Senior 62+ $25
Child 6 & under ..... Free
Night skiing $12
Multi-day, group rates available

RENTALS & SALES

Adult package starts at $15/day
High performance equipment, snowboards, cross-country equipment available
Ski shops on the mountain offer clothing and equipment

INSTRUCTION

Group ..... $23/2 hrs.
Private ..... $52/hr.
Adult first-timer $23/half-day lesson & lift
Skill-builder, snowboard, telemark & cross-country lessons
Specialty clinics include Women's Week, snowboard camp

FOOD & DRINK

Several restaurants and saloons on the mountain
Summit House features views of Glacier Park

LODGING

Ski-in/ski-out lodging for up to 1,500 guests at 6 properties on the mountain
For more lodging information, directory begins on page 42

CROSS-COUNTRY

10 km of groomed trails on the mountain, adjacent to Outpost Lodge
Rentals available

JUST FOR KIDS

Day care, kids' ski school and free skiing for children under 6
Children 12 & under stay free in all on-mountain lodging properties

EVENTS

Doug Smith Western Region Downhill Series
30th Annual Whitefish Winter Carnival and Grape Expectations Wine & Food Festival
Clydesdale-drawn sleighrides, sleighride dinners
Dog sledding, snowtubing, ice skating, snowmobiling and guided cross-country ski tours to Glacier Park special programs

BIG SKY SKI & SUMMER RESORT

P.O. Box 160001, Big Sky, MT 59716 ❄ Reservations: 800-548-4486 or 406-995-5000, Fax 406-995-5001

The Lone Peak Tram reaches to a lofty 11,150 feet and opens up 1,200 additional acres of extreme, expert and advanced skiing. Now with 4,180 vertical feet, Big Sky becomes the leader in the U.S. for most total vertical drop. Get there faster on the new high speed quad chair, Swift-Current Express, which replaces Gondola II.

Great Ski Weeks Special 4 nights in Huntley Lodge 3 days of skiing starts at $248 per person, double occupancy. Includes breakfast & special programs. Valid opening day through Dec. 24, 1996 and March 30 through mid-April 1997.

Base Elevation 6,970 ft.
Top Elevation 11,150 ft.
Vertical Drop 4,180 ft.
Longest Run 6 mi.
Lift Capacity 18,000/hr.
Average Annual Snowfall 400 in.

LOCATION
US 191, 43 miles S of Bozeman

GETTING HERE
Delta, Horizon Air, Skywest or Northwest to Bozeman
Shuttles meet most major flights
Rental cars and taxis available

SEASON
Mid-November to mid-April
Open daily 9 am–4 p.m.

TRAILS & SLOPES
75 trails on 2 mountains
3,500+ acres on private land
10% beginner, 47% intermediate, 43% expert
Snowmaking on 10% of terrain

LIFTS
Trams 1
High Speed Quads 3
Gondolas 1
Chairs ..... 3 double, 3 triple, 1 quad
Surface 3

RATES
Adult $46
Youth 11–17 ..... $40
Child 10 & under (2 per paying adult) ..... Free

RENTALS & SALES*
Adult $23/day
Child $16/day
3 shops on the mountain
Snowboarding equipment available

SKI INSTRUCTION
Downhill, snowboard, advanced/extreme
Group lessons $27/half-day
Beginner package $35
(rental, lesson, rope tow)

FOOD & DRINK
15 restaurants
11 night spots
Gourmet sleighride dinners
Dancing, ski movies and gaming

LODGING
Full accommodations on the mountain
More than 1,000 rooms and condominium units
Conference center, shops, pools, spas
Regular shuttles connect lodging and ski areas
For more lodging information, directory begins on page 42

CROSS-COUNTRY
Lone Mountain Ranch, world-class Nordic resort
Daily shuttles to Yellowstone National Park for cross-country skiing and wildlife viewing

JUST FOR KIDS
Children's Ski Day Camp combines activities, meals and skill improvement (age 6–14) $45/day
Ski Mini-Camp (age 4–5) $55/day

EVENTS
Torchlight Parades on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve
Medical seminars, ski club groups, USSA races throughout season

SNOW CONDITIONS
406-995-5900

INTERNET ADDRESS
http://www.bigskyresort.com

E-MAIL ADDRESS
bigskymail@mcn.net

*Subject to change.

BRIDGER BOWL

15795 Bridger Canyon Road, Bozeman, MT 59715 ❄ Reservations: 800-223-9609 or 406-586-1518, Fax 406-586-1518

Explore a big mountain with short lift lines, long runs and big bowls. This nonprofit ski area offers world-class skiing and snowboarding at small-town prices.

3 days skiing/ 3 nights lodging starts at **$110** per person, quad occupancy. **$135** per person, double occupancy; excluding holidays. Other packages available – a variety of motels, condos, private homes and bed & breakfast inns.

GORDON WILTSIE

Base Elevation 6,100 ft.
Top Elevation 8,100 ft.
Vertical Drop 2,000 ft.
Longest Run 2.5 mi.
Lift Capacity 7,300 skiers/hr.
Average Annual Snowfall 350 in.

LOCATION
16 miles NW of Bozeman

GETTING HERE
Delta, Horizon Air or Northwest to Bozeman
Call 800-223-9609 for ski package with discounted airfare.
Car rentals–most major companies at airport
Motel shuttle offered several times daily from most Bozeman motels: $5 roundtrip.

SEASON
December 14–April 6
Open daily 9 am–4 pm

TRAILS & SLOPES
More than 60 runs with expansive bowls, powder glades, winding trails and groomed slopes covering 2,000 acres on the Gallatin National Forest
500 additional vertical feet on nearly 400 acres for the adventurous expert on Bridger's "ridge." Avalanche transceiver (457 khz), shovel and skiing partner required.
1/3 of lift-accessible skiing groomed
25% beginner, 35% intermediate, 40% advanced

LIFTS
Quads – new for '95-'96 Season 1
Chairs ..... 5 double

RATES
Adult $28
Senior $19
Child (5 & under free) $12

RENTALS & SALES
Complete package starts at $15/day
2 sales and rental shops on the mountain; more in town

INSTRUCTION
Downhill, telemark and snowboard
Group ..... $20/1.5 hrs.
Private ..... $45/hr.

FOOD & DRINK
Two cafeterias
Full-service bar and grill
Food service, beer and wine at new mid-mountain chalet
Many fine restaurants in Bozeman

LODGING
Central reservations for lodging, air, car rentals for individuals and groups
For more lodging information, directory begins on page 42

JUST FOR KIDS
Day care (18 mos.–6 yrs.) $20/half-day; $35/full-day
"First Tracks" (age 4–6) lesson, lunch, day care $35/half-day; $45/full-day

EVENTS
Torchlight Parade ..... December 30
Montana Powder 8s Championship ..... February 1-2
Wild West Shred O'Fest Snowboard Competition ..... February 22-23
Molson's Ski Challenge ..... March 1
Bridger Bowl Bump-Off Freestyle Competition ..... March 16
Pinhead Classic Costume Telemark Race ..... March 22
Double Pole, Pad & Pedal Downhill, Cross-country, Run & Cycle Event ..... April 5

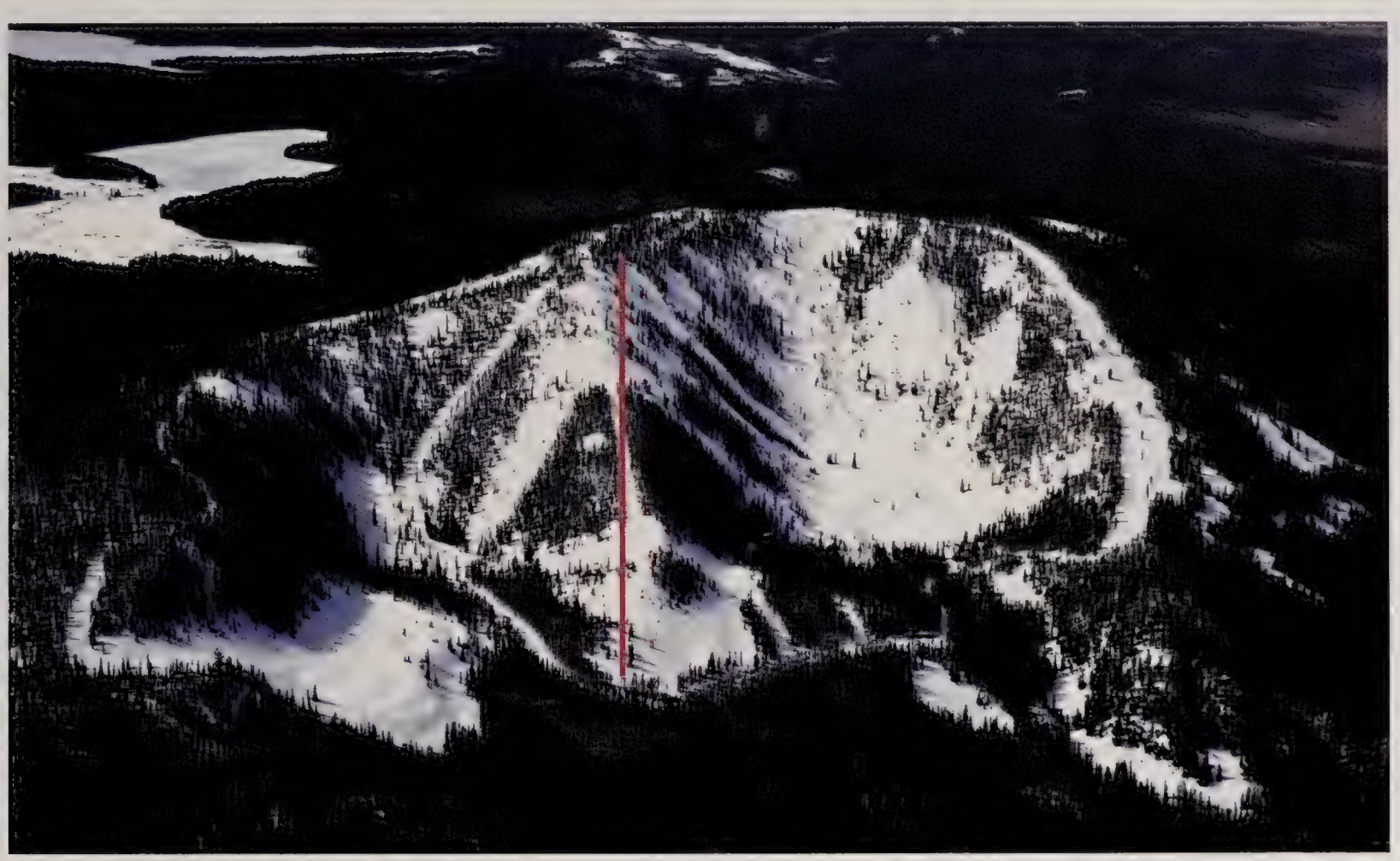
SNOW PHONE
406-586-2389

RESERVATIONS
800-223-9609

NEW FOR 1996-97
All new, Deer Park chalet with seating for 295 guests, plus 3,000 sq. ft. south facing deck

DISCOVERY BASIN / FAIRMONT HOT SPRINGS RESORT

Ski Discovery, P.O. Box 221, Anaconda, MT 59711, 406-563-2184 ❄ Fairmont, 1500 Fairmont Road, Anaconda, MT 59711, Reservations: 800-332-3272



The challenging backside of Discovery

High in the Pintlers of western Montana, Ski Discovery, with its 6,850-ft. base elevation, is known for high country, light snow, some of America's steepest lift-served slopes, great cruising runs and friendly atmosphere.

2 days skiing/
2 nights lodging
$120/*$100
per person
double occupancy.
Includes 4 water slide passes.
800-332-3272
***mid-week.**
Not available
Dec. 20–Jan. 1

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Base Elevation 6,850 ft.
Top Elevation 8,150 ft.
Vertical Drop 1,300 ft.
Longest Run 2 mi.
Lift Capacity 4,300 skiers/hr.
Average Annual Snowfall 200 in.

LOCATION
23 miles W of Anaconda at Georgetown Lake

GETTING HERE
Fly Skywest or Horizon to Butte
From Missoula on I-90 to Drummond, Philipsburg via Flint Creek Hill or from Butte via Anaconda

SEASON
November–April
Open 7 days per week from 9:30 am–4 pm

TRAILS & SLOPES
40 runs
33% beginner, 33% intermediate, 33% expert
Plenty of snowboard air

LIFTS
Chairs ..... 1 triple, 3 double

RATES
All day adult $22
All day child $11
All day senior (65+) $11
Half day adult (12:30 pm) $17
Easy chair $8
Complete rentals & sales including boards and high performance skis

INSTRUCTION
Beginner package $28
Snowboard beginner package $41
Private lesson for 1 hour $25
Ski & snowboard lessons – class or private
Enroll kids in Kinderski, they'll love it!

FOOD & DRINK
Super Food Cafeteria
Friendly bar and lounge

LODGING
Nearby Anaconda and Fairmont Hot Springs Motel & Resort Ski Vacation Packages

CROSS-COUNTRY
Groomed & untracked trails

DISCOVERY FAX
406-563-7036

FAIRMONT FAX
406-797-3337

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Fairmont Hot Springs features two Olympic-size pools and two soaking pools, all with natural hot springs water, plus Montana's only year-round 350-ft. water slide. The perfect spot to end a day of skiing or snowmobiling by soaking, relaxing or treating yourself to a massage.

LOST TRAIL POWDER MOUNTAIN

P.O. Box 311, Conner, MT 59827 ❄ 406-821-3211 or 406-821-3508, Fax 406-821-3508

Well known for reliable snowfall and consistently good snow conditions, Lost Trail straddles the Montana-Idaho border in the breathtaking Bitterroot Range of the Northern Rockies.

2 days skiing/ 2 nights lodging $80 per person double occupancy, breakfast included. Camp Creek Inn or Lost Trail Hot Springs

STEVE SLOCOMB

Base Elevation 6,600 ft.
Top Elevation 7,800 ft.
Vertical Drop 1,200 ft.
Longest Run 2.5 mi.
Lift Capacity 1,925 skiers/hr.
Average Annual Snowfall 300 in.

LOCATION
US 93, 90 miles S of Missoula

GETTING HERE
Delta, Horizon Air and Northwest to Missoula
Car rentals available at airport

SEASON
December–April
9:30 am–4 pm
Thursday–Sunday and Holidays
Christmas–December 19-January 5

TRAILS & SLOPES
18 runs & trails on the Bitterroot National Forest
20% beginner, 60% intermediate, 20% advanced

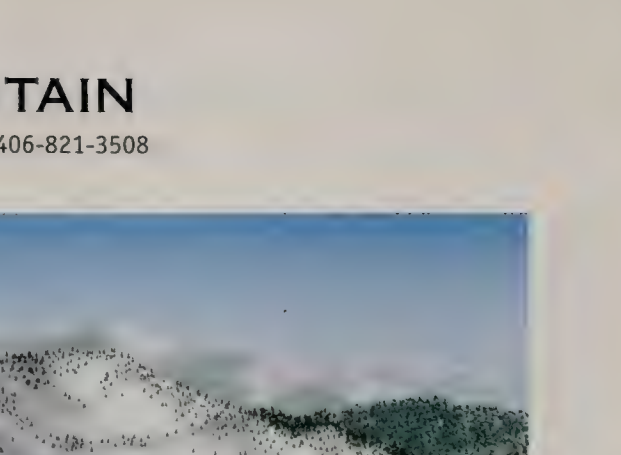
LIFTS
Chairs ..... 2 double
Surface 2

RATES
Adult ..... $17; $14 half-day
Youth 6–12 ..... $9; $6 half-day
Child 5 & under ..... Free
Rope tow $3

RENTALS & SALES
Downhill package $10/day
Snowboard $15/day
Demo skis $15/day

INSTRUCTION
Private ..... $22/hr.
Learn to ski package $20

FOOD & DRINK
Full service cafeteria at day lodge



LOST TRAIL HOT SPRINGS

LODGING
Lost Trail has two unique lodging facilities nearby. Camp Creek Inn Bed & Breakfast is 9 miles north and offers both rooms and cabins with kitchens. Lost Trail Hot Springs Resort is 6 miles away and offers cabins, motel, condo units, restaurant, lounge, natural hot springs pool, jacuzzi and sauna. Ski packages available at both.

Camp Creek Inn, 7674 US 93 South, Sula, MT 59871, 800-351-3508, E-mail: skimt@bitterroot.net

Lost Trail Hot Springs, 8321 US 93 South, Sula, MT 59871, 800-825-3574

For more lodging information, directory begins on page 42

EVENTS
Mogul Freestyle Competition ..... February
Winterfest/Pepsi Family Races & BBQ ... March
Ski Patrol Steak Fry & Dance ..... March
Great spring skiing in April

MONTANA SNOWBOWL

P.O. Box 8226, Missoula, MT 59807 ❄ Reservations: 800-728-2695 or 406-549-9777

Deep, powdery bowls and 2,600 feet of continuous vertical drop make Snowbowl an extremist's dream. There's plenty of skiing for other skill levels, too.

SCOTT SPIKER

2 days skiing/ 2 nights lodging, hot tub, starts at $75 per person double occupancy, all season. Other packages available.

Base Elevation 5,000 ft.
Top Elevation 7,600 ft.
Vertical Drop 2,600 ft.
Longest Run 3 mi.
Lift Capacity 3,400 skiers/hr.
Average Annual Snowfall 300 in.

LOCATION

12 miles NW of Missoula
Limited accommodations on the Mountain

GETTING HERE

Delta, Horizon Air and Northwest to Missoula
Car rentals at airport
From I-90, Reserve St. Exit, N on Grant Creek Rd., then left onto Snowbowl Rd.

SEASON

Late November–early April
Wednesday–Monday (closed Tuesday)

TRAILS & SLOPES

30+ trails and groomed runs, open powder bowls and tree skiing
1,200 acres on the Lolo National Forest
20% beginner, 40% intermediate, 40% advanced
700 acres of "extreme" skiing
Snowmaking at lower elevations

LIFTS

Chairs ..... 2 high-capacity doubles
Surface 2

RATES

Adult $25
Child $11
Child 5 & under ..... Free
Beginner tow ..... Free
Senior, student & half-day rates

RENTALS & SALES

Downhill package $13/day
Snowboards $18/day
Separate rates available
Ski accessories for sale

INSTRUCTION

Downhill, snowboard
Adult group ..... $16/2 hrs.
Adult private ..... $25/1 hr.
Pee-Wee private $15
Beginner's package (lift, lesson, rental) $23.50

FOOD & DRINK

Double Diamond Cafe at base lodge
Grizzly Chalet at mid-mountain
Last Run Inn Saloon

LODGING

Full accommodations in Missoula
For more lodging information, directory begins on page 42

JUST FOR KIDS

Pandas (age 3–6)
Lift ticket, lesson, rental, lunch $28
Day care (age 2 & up)

EVENTS

Pepsi Sport Racing every Saturday
Snowboard Jam ..... February 1–2
Gelande Jump Championship .. February 22–23
Northern Division Freestyle Championship ..... March 1–2
Snowbowl Hexathlon ..... March 9
Best-of-the-Bowl Race ..... March 16

24-HR. SNOW PHONE

406-549-9696

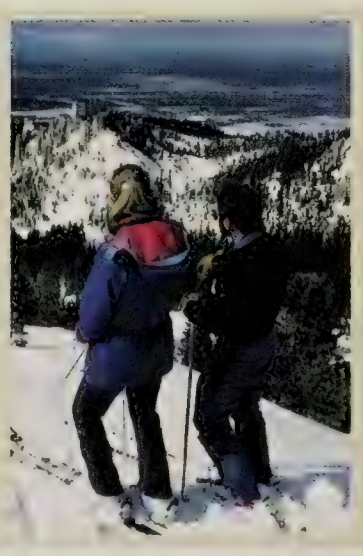
RED LODGE MOUNTAIN

P.O. Box 750, Red Lodge, MT 59068 ❄ Reservations 800-444-8977 or 406-446-2610, Fax: 406-446-3604, Internet Address: http://www.montana.net/rlmresort

Grizzly Peak
el. 9416
Cole Creek Drainage
Future
Expansion
Area
Open For '96-'97!
• 2 new high-speed detachable quad chairlifts
• 15 new trails in the Cole Creek Drainage
Red Lodge Mountain operates under a special use permit with the Custer National Forest

This is a big mountain with lots of snow and sunshine and a lively Western town just down the road. Red Lodge Mountain is famous for its spring skiing.

Packages start at $477 including roundtrip airfare, 5 nights lodging, 4 days skiing & car rental with ski rack. 3 days skiing, 3 nights lodging for $126. Call 800-444-8977. Packages based on per person, quad occupancy. US funds.



Base Elevation 7,100 ft.
Top Elevation 9,416 ft.
Vertical Drop 2,350 ft.
Longest Run 2.5 mi.
Lift Capacity 10,690 skiers/hr.
Average Annual Snowfall 250 in.

LOCATION
US 212, 1 hr. SW of Billings

GETTING HERE
Delta, Horizon, Northwest, United, Big Sky or Skywest to Billings
Rental cars available at airport

SEASON
Late November–April 13
9 am–4 pm daily

TRAILS & SLOPES
60 trails and groomed slopes, 30 acres extreme chute skiing, and 60 acres of gladed tree skiing
1,600 acres on the Custer National Forest
15% novice, 55% intermediate, 30% expert
Snowmaking on 40% of trails

LIFTS
Chairs ..... 2 high speed detachable quads, 1 triple, 4 doubles
Surface 1

RATES
Adult $29
Child 12 & under $10
Rates discounted Monday and Tuesdays beginning January 2 (except holidays)
Multi-day and group rates

RENTALS & SALES
Rental equipment for adults and children, demo/performance skis, and snowboards available in our ski shop on the mountain

INSTRUCTION
Downhill, snowboard, beginner, advanced, adults, children and specialty clinics
First Timers Packages: lift ticket, rentals and lesson
Private and semi-private

FOOD & DRINK
2 full service restaurants
2 cafeterias
Red Lodge boasts more restaurants per capita than any other town in Montana

LODGING
Central Reservations does it all! Book lodging, airfare, car rental, lift tickets and rental equipment with one call to 800-444-8977
For more lodging information, directory begins on page 42

JUST FOR KIDS
State licensed daycare facility for ages 6 mos. to 4 years – reservations and immunization records required
SKIwee Program for ages 3-6. Lift, instruction, rentals and fun
Teepee Creepers for ages 7-12. Instruction, mountain exploring and fun

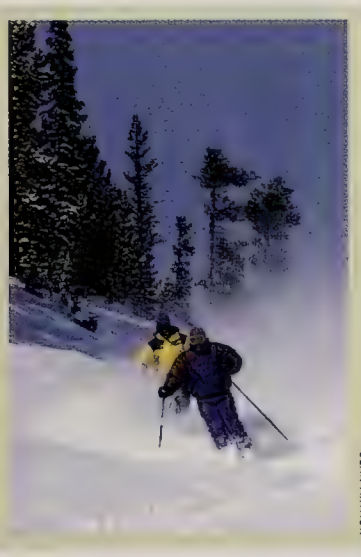
EVENTS
Christmas Festivities ..... December 21-29
Nastar racing ..... Friday–Sunday
Learn to Ski Free Day ..... January 17
NRM Winter Games ..... February 21-23
Winter Carnival ..... March 1
Easter Celebration ..... March 29-30

NEW FOR 1996-97 SEASON
15 new trails in Cole Creek
2 new high-speed detachable quads
Expanded snowmaking coverage

SHOWDOWN SKI AREA

P.O. Box 92, Neihart, MT 59465 ❄ Information Line: 800-433-0022 or 406-236-5522, Fax 406-236-5523

Celebrating 60 years! Uncrowded slopes, short lift lines and spacious sun-soaked decks have made Showdown Ski Area a Montana favorite for 60 years. Join us as we celebrate!



JEAN ARTHUR

3 days skiing/ 3 nights lodging $105 per person, quad occupancy.

Base Elevation 6,800 ft.
Top Elevation 8,200 ft.
Vertical Drop 1,400 ft.
Longest Run 2 mi.
Lift Capacity 3,000 skiers/hr.
Average Annual Snowfall 240 in.

LOCATION

US 89, 10 min. S of Neihart, 1 hr. SE of Great Falls or 30 min. N of White Sulphur Springs

GETTING HERE

Fly Delta, Northwest, or Horizon Air to Great Falls
Major car rentals available at the airport

SEASON

Early December–Early April
Wednesday–Sunday, plus these holidays: December 18, 1996–January 5 & 20, February 17, 1997. Closed Christmas Day.

TRAILS & SLOPES

34 uncrowded runs of tree-lined trails and open slopes on the Lewis & Clark National Forest
30% beginner, 40% intermediate, 30% advanced

LIFTS

Chairs ..... 1 triple, 1 double
Surface 2

RATES

Adult All Area Lift $24
Junior (Age 6–12) $13
Senior (Age 70+) $13
Kids 5 & under ..... Free
Free Rope Tow & Poma Lift

RENTALS & SALES

Downhill package ..... $15/day (multi-day discounts)
High Performance package $20/day
Snowboard package $25/day
Pro shop on the mountain

INSTRUCTION

Downhill, snowboard and shaped ski clinics
Group or private lessons
Hourly, half-day, full-day

FOOD & DRINK

Johnny K's Cookshack and the Hole-in-the-Wall Saloon in the base lodge. The Top Rock Eatery at mountain summit.

LODGING

Accommodations nearest to the mountain are in Neihart, Monarch and White Sulphur Springs
Full accommodations in Great Falls
For more lodging information, directory begins on page 42

CROSS-COUNTRY

12 miles of groomed trails adjacent to downhill ski area

SNOWMOBILING

200 miles of groomed trails
Machine and clothing rentals at the ski area
Guided tours

JUST FOR KIDS

SKIwee Program (age 3–6) includes lift, lesson and rental for full- or half-day
Daycare at the base lodge. Reservations are required for ages 2 & under.

EVENTS

Ski with Santa ..... December 15
Mannequin Jumping ..... March 22
Belt Creek Relay ..... March 23
Corporate Cup Race ..... April 6

24-HR. SNOW PHONE

406-771-1300

ROGER WADE

Watch our woods fill up with snow. With two national parks, nine national forests, 12 wilderness areas and numerous lodges and resorts with private trail systems, there's plenty of room for everyone. ❄ Ski or skate on groomed tracks, or choose from hundreds of miles of ungroomed trails on public lands. Take a guided wildlife tour or rent a remote forest service cabin and ski into it with your bed and board on your back. Montana's privately owned cross-country ski resorts celebrate winter with guided wilderness and wildlife tours, expertly groomed trails, professional instruction and comfortable accommodations that range from snug cabins to full-service lodges.

SCOTT SPIKER

RODNEY SCHLECHT

BOB ALLEN

SALVATORE VASAPOLLI

THE PARKS IN WINTER

For an unrivaled winter experience, visit Yellowstone or Glacier national parks. These rugged and pristine lands offer spectacular scenery, wildlife viewing and endless opportunities for winter adventure.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Explore miles of backcountry trails, steaming geyser basins and snow-mantled forests on skis. Three of Yellowstone's five entrances are in Montana—Gardiner, Cooke City and West Yellowstone. Guided ski tours, snowcoach tours and snowmobile rentals are available at West Yellowstone and Mammoth Hot Springs. Two million acres await you in Yellowstone! For maps and more information, contact Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190, 307-344-7381.

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

A little less traveled are the one million acres of alpine splendor and the dozen ski trails awaiting winter visitors to Glacier. Guided tours and ski rentals are available. For maps and more information, contact Superintendent, Glacier National Park, MT 59936, 406-888-5441.

CROSS-COUNTRY

CONRAD ROWE

CHUCK HANEY

MONTANA'S NATIONAL FORESTS

U.S.D.A. Forest Service
Northern Region
Federal Building
P.O. Box 7669
Missoula, MT 59807
406-329-3511

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests
420 Barrett Street
Dillon, MT 59725-3572
406-683-3900

Bitterroot National Forest
1801 North First Street
Hamilton, MT 59840
406-363-3131

Custer National Forest
2602 First Avenue North
P.O. Box 2556
Billings, MT 59103
406-657-6361

Flathead National Forest
1935 Third Avenue East
Kalispell, MT 59901
406-755-5401

Gallatin National Forest
Federal Building
P.O. Box 130
Bozeman, MT 59771
406-587-6701

Helena National Forest
2880 Skyway Drive
Helena, MT 59601
406-449-5201

Kootenai National Forest
506 Highway 2 West
Libby, MT 59923
406-293-6211

Lewis & Clark National Forest
1101 15th Street North
P.O. Box 869
Great Falls, MT 59403
406-791-7700

Lolo National Forest
Building 24, Fort Missoula
Missoula, MT 59801
406-329-3750

The national forests and grasslands of Montana reach from rugged mountaintops and steep, timbered canyons in western Montana to eastern prairies and badlands. When the snow covers these 16.8 million acres of public lands, they become a winter wonderland.

Ten downhill ski areas on national forest lands provide slopes for every talent. These winter sports areas have been developed in cooperation with private industry and are operated under national forest special-use permits.

In addition to spectacular downhill runs, there are vast and diverse landscapes for cross-country skiers and snowmobilers. Cross-country skiers can follow more than 600 miles (950 km) of designated ski-touring trails of varying difficulty across timbered slopes, open meadows and ridgelines. There are also thousands of miles of ungroomed recreation territory.

Snowmobilers can ride more than 2,000 miles of designated, groomed trails, or they can explore on their own. In some areas, wildlife winter ranges are closed to snowmobiling.

A Guide to Your Northern Region National Forests will give you the locations of all nine national forests in Montana. This guide and maps of the individual national forests and winter recreation trails are available from the U.S.D.A Forest Service, Northern Region, or the individual national forest (see list of addresses).

For those who seek a true backcountry experience, the Forest Service has rustic cabins and lookouts for rent on a first-come, first-served basis. Cabins are furnished with the bare basics (table, chairs, wood stove and bunks). Bedding is not furnished. Forest Service personnel at the national forest in which the cabin is located can tell you what you need to bring. For a Recreational Cabin and Lookout Directory, write or call the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Northern Region.

GROOMED SKI TOURING TRAILS ON MONTANA'S NATIONAL FORESTS

BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE NATIONAL FORESTS

Chief Joseph Cross-Country Trails–28 mi. W of Wisdom ❄ 8 km Easiest, 14.5 km More Difficult, 2.1 km Most Difficult, weekly grooming ❄ District Ranger, Wisdom, MT 59761, 406-689-3243 ❄ Starts on N side of MT 43 at Chief Joseph Pass. Eight loop trails. Groomed by Bitterroot Ski Club.

LaMarche Creek–20 mi. W of Wise River ❄ 8 km Easiest, 3.4 km More Difficult, intermittent grooming ❄ Sundance Lodge, Wise River, MT 59762, 406-689-3611.

Wade Lake Ski Trails–40 mi. S of Ennis on MT 287 to Wade Lake Access Road and 6 mi. to resort ❄ 35 km, groomed ❄ District Ranger, 5 Forest Service Rd., Ennis, MT 59279, 406-682-4253 or Wade Lake Resort, 406-682-7560 ❄ Touring of Cliff and Wade lakes and scenic vistas of the area.

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

Essex Trail Complex–Izaak Walton Inn, Essex ❄ 16.3 km Easiest, 12.5 km More Difficult, 2 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming ❄ District Ranger, Hungry Horse, MT 59919, 406-387-5243 ❄ Seven trails, park at Izaak Walton Inn. Trails maintained and groomed by Izaak Walton Inn. $5 per person trail fee.

Round Meadows–15 mi. NW of Whitefish ❄ 18 km Easiest, 2.2 km More Difficult, 3.3 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming ❄ District Ranger Whitefish, MT 59937, 406-862-2508 ❄ Snowmobiles and dogs prohibited, parking capacity, 10 cars. Logging may restrict or cause closure of some trails.

Blacktail Mountain–8 mi. W of Lakeside ❄ 10 km Easiest, 29.5 km More Difficult, intermittent grooming ❄ District Ranger, Bigfork, MT 59911, 406- 837-5081 ❄ No skiing on plowed Blacktail Mountain Road.

GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

Bear Creek Road–Jardine (5 mi. above the town of Gardiner) ❄ 7 km Easiest, groomed ❄ District Ranger, Gardiner, MT 59030, 406-848-7375 ❄ Easy climb through timber along Bear Creek Road.

Bozeman Creek–5 mi. S of Bozeman ❄ 10 km More Difficult, intermittent grooming ❄ District Ranger, Bozeman, MT 59715, 406-587-6920 ❄ Snowmobiles prohibited.

Rendezvous Complex–West Yellowstone ❄ 16 km Easiest, daily grooming ❄ District Ranger, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-646-7369 ❄ Used by U.S. Olympic Team in November as official site of fall training camp. Dogs and snowmobiles prohibited.

Dead Dog Loop–West Yellowstone ❄ 5.5 km More Difficult, daily grooming ❄ District Ranger, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-646-7369 ❄ Access via Rendezvous system.

Windy Ridge–West Yellowstone ❄ 7 km More Difficult, grooming is in November and December only and is intermittent. ❄ District Ranger, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-646-7369 ❄ Access via Rendezvous system.

KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

Hellroaring Creek Trail No. 204–29 mi. NW of Troy, MT 508 ❄ 8 km Easiest, 4.2 km More Difficult, intermittent grooming ❄ District Ranger, 1437 N US 2, Troy, MT 59935, 406-295-4693 ❄ Parking capacity 6 cars. Trail accesses alpine ridge and ends at Hidden Lake.

Ross Creek Trail No. 4005–17 mi. S of Troy, MT 56 ❄ 11 km Easiest, 2 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming ❄ District Ranger, 1437 N US 2, Troy, MT 59935, 406-295-4693 ❄ Parking capacity 6 cars. Motor vehicles prohibited after December 1.

Bear Creek–7 mi. S of Libby ❄ 2.3 km Easiest, 1.8 km More Difficult, 1.4 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming ❄ District Ranger, 12557 MT 37, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-7773 ❄ Parking capacity 20 cars. Motorized vehicles prohibited.

Rainbow Ridge–22 mi. N of Libby ❄ 2.8 km More Difficult, intermittent grooming ❄ District Ranger, 12557 MT 37, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-7773 ❄ Parking capacity 10 cars, trail shared with snowmobiles.

Flatiron Summit–24 mi. N of Libby ❄ 2.8 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming ❄ District Ranger, 12557 MT 37, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-7773 ❄ Parking capacity 10 cars. Motorized vehicles prohibited.

Timberlane Campground–9 mi. N of Libby ❄ 2.5 km Easiest, 0.8 km More Difficult, intermittent grooming ❄ District Ranger, 12557 MT 37, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-7773 ❄ Ski play hill and sledding, picnic shelter, fire ring and firewood provided. Parking capacity 10 cars.

South Flower–4 mi. SW of Libby ❄ 4.5 km More Difficult, 0.5 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming ❄ District Ranger, 12557 MT 37, Libby, MT 59923; 406-293-7773 ❄ Parking capacity 4 to 8 cars.

Grave Creek Road–16 mi. SE of Eureka ❄ 35 km Easiest, 10 km More Difficult, intermittent grooming ❄ District Ranger, Murphy Lake Ranger Station, US 93 N, Fortine, MT 59918, 406-882-4451 ❄ Parking available at Birch Creek Recreation Area. Grooming branches off Grave Creek Road to Stahl and Clarence Creek roads (approx. 8 km each way), Weasel Lake (3 km) and Weasel Cabin (2 km). Grooming by Ten Lakes Snowmobile Club.

Laughing Water Creek–Adjacent to Murphy Lake Ranger Station ❄ 7.2 km Easiest, intermittent grooming ❄ District Ranger, Murphy Lake Ranger Station, US 93 N, Fortine (10 mi. S of Eureka), MT 59918, 406-882-4451 ❄ Limited parking. Closed to snowmobiles.

McGillivray–25 mi. NE of Libby ❄ 2.5 km Easiest, intermittent grooming ❄ District Ranger, 12557 MT 37, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-7773 ❄ Parking capacity 5 cars, check with District for current status.

Therriault–10 mi. SE of Eureka ❄ 16 km More Difficult, 2 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming ❄ District Ranger, Murphy Lake Ranger Station, US 93 N, Fortine, MT 59918, 406-882-4451. Parking available at junction of Forest Service Roads 756 and 7077.

LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL FOREST

Two Medicine–9 mi. W of E Glacier ❄ 12 km Easiest, 2 km More Difficult, 2 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming ❄ District Ranger, Choteau, MT 59422, 406-466-5341 ❄ Only parking available is along US 2 right-of-way.

Silver Crest–7 mi. SE of Neihart ❄ 3.5 km Easiest, 10.3 km More Difficult, 4.2 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming ❄ District Ranger, Kings Hill Rd, Box A, White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645, 406-547-3361 or Belt Creek Information Station, Neihart, MT 59465, 406-236-5511 ❄ Park in snowmobile lot near Kings Hill, 150-vehicle capacity, additional parking at Kings Hill Campground.

LOLO NATIONAL FOREST

Pattee Canyon Complex–5.5 mi. SE of Missoula ❄ 1.6 km Easiest, 4 km More Difficult, 5.4 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming ❄ Missoula Area Visitor Information, Bldg. 24-A, Fort Missoula, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-329-3814 ❄ Parking capacity, 25 cars, closed to motorized vehicles. 3 trails. Dogs prohibited on groomed trails.

Seeley Lake Ski Trails–1 mi. NE of Seeley Lake ❄ 3 km Easiest, 12 km More Difficult, 3 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming ❄ Ranger District, HC31, Box 3200, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2233 ❄ Snowmobiles prohibited. Parking for 12 cars. Maps available at trailhead and District Office. Dogs prohibited on groomed trails.

NOTE: Some trails are groomed irregularly. Please contact the appropriate forest service office or ski club for current information before you ski. The **EASIEST, MORE DIFFICULT** and **MOST DIFFICULT** ratings are relative. Weather and snow conditions may make an **EASIEST** trail too difficult for many skiers. **MOUNTAIN TOURING TRAILS** are marked routes for experienced skiers only.

IZAAK WALTON INN

P.O. Box 653-M, Essex, MT 59916 ❄ 406-888-5700, Fax 406-888-5200

Snow Country magazine named the Izaak Walton Inn one of the top 10 cross-country ski resorts in the Rockies. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Izaak Walton Inn is an alpine lodge constructed in 1939 by the Great Northern Railroad to house winter snow removal crews. Memorabilia, authentic furniture and our great log fireplace remind every guest of the great train era's mystique.

ERIC HALLETT

FACILITIES

Relax in an Empire Builder accommodation with full private bath. Enjoy unique lodging in a charming caboose. The Dining Car Restaurant serves a wide variety of menu favorites, plus daily specials. The Flagstop Bar, game room, gift shop, Finnish sauna and laundry facilities help make your stay more enjoyable.

LOCATION

At Essex, just off US 2, halfway between East and West Glacier in northwest Montana. Fly Delta or Horizon Air to Kalispell and rent a car for a scenic drive to Essex. Or ride Amtrak right to our door.

SEASON

Late November through April 15. Glacier National Park backcountry tours from December 1 to April 15. Our spring skiing is excellent, as snowfall usually lasts into the middle of May.

TRAILS

More than 30 km of mechanically groomed trails, partially on the Flathead National Forest, with set track and skating lane. Telemark hill. Lighted Starlight Trail for night skiing. Backcountry ski opportunities in Glacier National Park and the Great Bear Wilderness.

GUIDE SERVICE

Our guided ski tours unlock the door to Glacier National Park's pristine winter splendor. Wildlife, spectacular scenery and experienced guides provide for a memorable day of skiing. Trips can be tailored to any ski level. Cost of an all-day group trip is $60–$80 per person, including lunch, transportation and guide service. Ski rental equipment available upon request.

DAY SKIER SERVICES

A day trail pass allows you to ski our entire trail system. Equipment rental packages available.

VACATION PACKAGES

Inquire about our three-, five- and seven-day vacation packages. Packages include accommodations, three meals a day, daily trail passes, full use of all Inn ski trails and Finnish sauna, one ski lesson, one guided snowshoe tour and one guided ski tour into Glacier National Park.

EVENTS

Kick Out the Kinks USSA–sanctioned 5 and 10 km Nordic Ski Race, December 7–8; Spring Snow Rodeo and Race, March 22–23.

RESERVATIONS

Reservations are recommended. When calling, please indicate if you are interested in a ski tour into Glacier National Park, as space is limited.

KYLE BREHM

FOR MORE INFORMATION

IZAAK WALTON INN
P.O. Box 653–M
Essex, MT 59916
For a brochure call 406-888-5700
Fax 406-888-5200

Member Cross-Country
Ski Areas Association

LONE MOUNTAIN RANCH

P.O. Box 160069, Big Sky, MT 59716 ❄ 800-514-4644, 406-995-4644, Ext.120, Fax 406-995-4670

A full-service, cross-country ski resort. Professionally groomed trails, attractive, cozy cabins, a beautiful log dining lodge, dependable snow, top quality ranch gourmet meals and that "extra special" Montana hospitality combine to make Lone Mountain Ranch the cross-country skiing vacation of a lifetime. Named by *Snow Country* magazine as the top cross-country ski resort in the western U.S.

BILL BROCKETT

LOCATION

Big Sky, Montana–40 miles south of Bozeman, 20 miles northwest of Yellowstone National Park. Fly Northwest, Skywest, Delta or Horizon Air to Bozeman. Free airport transportation. Special airfares available.

SEASON

Ski from early December to mid-April.

TRAILS

65 km of professionally groomed, tilled and tracked trails designed to accommodate all levels of ability. Groomed for both traditional skiing and skating. A portion of these trails lie on the Gallatin National Forest.

NATURALIST-GUIDED SKI TRIPS

Naturalist-guided, all-day ski tours into the backcountry of Yellowstone. Skiing past steaming geyser basins and wintering herds of elk and bison is a truly unforgettable experience.

NORDIC SKI SHOP

Complete cross-country ski shop provides both retail and rental equipment. A wide selection of ski clothing, accessories, convenience items and gifts are available.

SKI INSTRUCTION

Professional PSIA-certified instructors offer lessons for all levels of skiers.

VACATION PACKAGES

Comfortable ranch-style accommodations house up to 70 guests in cozy log cabins with private baths, electric heat and wood-burning stoves or fireplaces. One-week package (7 nights) includes three complete meals per day, lodging, trail fees, airport transportation, a sleighride dinner, gourmet on-the-trail buffet lunch, evening programs and outdoor hot tub at $1,015-$1,295 per person, double occupancy. Reservations are required.

DAY SKIER SERVICES

Day trail passes give you access to the entire trail system. Rental ski packages, Nordic ski shop, ranch breakfasts, hearty skier buffet lunches, ranch gourmet dinners, saloon, lessons, guided ski tours and old-fashioned sleighride dinners are all available to day visitors.

SLEIGHRIDE DINNERS

Step back into Montana history with an old-fashioned sleighride dinner. A horse-drawn sleigh takes you through the winter woods to a beautiful log cabin where the aroma of homemade bread greets you at the door. A gourmet prime rib dinner, cooked in a century-old wood cookstove and musical entertainment help complete a perfect winter evening. Reservations required.

RESERVATIONS

It is recommended that you make your reservations as early as possible to assure your choice of dates and accommodations.

BILL BROCKETT

FOR MORE INFORMATION

LONE MOUNTAIN RANCH
P.O. Box 160069
Big Sky, MT 59716
For a free brochure call
800-514-4644
Fax 406-995-4670
E-mail: lmr@gomontana.com
Internet address:
http://www.gomontana.com/lmrhome.html

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RAINBOW RANCH LODGE

P.O. Box 160336, Big Sky, MT 59716 ❄ 800-937-4132, Fax 406-995-2861

"Montana's pristine Gallatin River Canyon is nearly 75 breathtaking miles long, but there is only one spot on this famous river that you can enjoy your own beautiful and private view: from a luxurious guest room at the Rainbow Ranch Lodge!" Quoted by one of the staff who will introduce you to Montana hospitality at its best. Our united and single goal at Rainbow Ranch is to exceed your expectations.

ROB OUTLAW

LOCATION

Just 40 miles south of Bozeman, Rainbow Ranch lodge is located on the Gallatin River 5 miles south of the entrance to the Big Sky Resort on US 191. We are nestled between the Gallatin and Madison Mountain ranges of the Rocky Mountains, 12 miles north of the boundary of Yellowstone National Park. Fly Northwest, Delta, Skywest or Horizon Air to Bozeman. Free airport transportation. Call Travel Montana for special airfares at 800-VISIT MT.

ACTIVITIES

Your experience may include a variety of winter activities: downhill and cross-country skiing, snowmobiling or snowcoach tours in Yellowstone National Park, fishing, hunting, dinner sleighrides, horseback riding, wildlife/naturalist trips, massage/spa services, dog sled rides and snowshoeing.

FACILITIES

Rainbow Ranch Lodge, with its rich history, continues the tradition of honoring guests with a rare combination of warm, attentive hospitality, rustic elegance and unparalleled wilderness beauty. The massive logs, stone fireplace and custom built Western bar create an inviting atmosphere to either begin or end your day. Guest suites provide luxurious comfort with lodge pole beds, down comforters, TV/VCRs and original art work. After a full day of winter play, you can relax by the warmth of a stone fireplace, either in our outdoor jacuzzi or our rustic lounge.

DINING

At the Rainbow Ranch Lodge, Executive Chef Kim Cameron will create a unique dining experience for you. You may begin your day with coffee or tea delivered to your room with fresh home-baked goods. Gourmet box lunches are available to take along for the day. For a perfect ending to your day, join us in our renowned restaurant where you can dine in elegance while sampling local, regional or international cuisine.

ROB OUTLAW

VACATION PACKAGES

Inquire about a variety of discount ski packages, ranging from two days to seven days.

RESERVATIONS

We are an intimate lodge with 22 guest rooms, so please make your reservations early to ensure your choice of dates and type of room.

Rainbow Ranch is a smoke-free facility.

ROB OUTLAW

FOR MORE INFORMATION

THE RAINBOW RANCH LODGE
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YELLOWSTONE ALPEN GUIDES

P.O. Box 518W, West Yellowstone, MT 59758 ❄ 406-646-9591, Fax 406-646-9594

Yellowstone National Park in winter is an experience never to be forgotten. The impatient crowds and harried pace of summer are gone. Large numbers of animals have slowly moved down from the high country to seek shelter in the thermal basins. Now is the time to experience Yellowstone at its best.

JEFF & ALEXA HENRY

SERVICES

Yellowstone Alpen Guides offers naturalist-guided full-day winter wildlife viewing and scenic tours in Yellowstone National Park aboard warm, comfortable, 10-passenger traditional snowcoaches and snowvans. If you would like, try our cross-country ski tours through one of Yellowstone's geyser basins or in the neighboring Gallatin National Forest.

LOCATION

West Yellowstone, Montana, is the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Fly Delta, Northwest or Horizon Air to Bozeman and rent a car or relax and enjoy the 90-mile trip through scenic Gallatin Canyon on a regularly scheduled bus to West Yellowstone. Access is easy from Big Sky via your private car or daily bus service.

SEASON

Yellowstone opens for winter travel the first weekend in December, depending upon snow conditions, and closes for the winter season the second Sunday in March. Cross-country skiing kicks off in West Yellowstone in mid-November and continues through at least mid-April.

FACILITIES

While exploring Yellowstone Country with us, plan on staying at the Stage Coach Inn in West Yellowstone. Located in the heart of town, this convenient, historic Western inn has the perfect atmosphere. An open lobby with sweeping central staircase and large fireplace greets you. Comfortable rooms in unique decor, fine family dining, a lively lounge and attractive spa room all contribute to your relaxation and warmth. Trail access is a breeze. When you book your snowcoach tour, ask to make your reservations or call the hotel directly at 800-842-2882.

SNOWCOACH TOURS

Tours depart daily at 9am for all day snowcoach adventures and skier drops to Old Faithful or the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Charter an entire 10-passenger snowcoach for your own private tour. Full day guided ski tours throughout Yellowstone's interior are available every Wednesday, or any day for groups of six or more.

NORDIC SKI SERVICES

Complete cross-country ski sets and snowshoes are available for rent. Professional instructors offer lessons for all levels of skiers. Naturalist-guided ski tours are available into the backcountry of Yellowstone and the Gallatin National Forest.

YELLOWSTONE ALPEN GUIDES

VACATION PACKAGES

Inquire about our multi-day wildlife viewing or cross-country ski tours with overnights at the Old Faithful Snowlodge and the Stage Coach Inn.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

YELLOWSTONE ALPEN GUIDES
P.O. Box 518W
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
406-646-9591
800-858-3502
Fax 406-646-9594
Email: YstoneAlpenGuides@wyellowstone.com

BOHART RANCH CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CENTER

Bohart Ranch, located 16 miles northeast of Bozeman on MT 86 in Bridger Canyon, adjacent to Bridger Bowl Ski Area, offers 25 km of groomed and tracked trails on nationally and internationally recognized cross-country ski terrain. Trails are groomed for both diagonal and skating techniques. Facilities include a biathlon range for year-round training and competition. Services include rentals, lessons, snacks and warming cabin. Trails are open in summer for walking, running, mountain biking, horseback riding, frisbee golf and Summer Biathlon, which combines running and shooting.

Bohart Ranch trails offer quality skiing for both the recreational and competitive skier. Our scenic trails in historic Bridger Canyon let our guests experience a bit of old Montana.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

BOHART RANCH CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CENTER
16621 Bridger Canyon Road
Bozeman, MT 59715
406-586-9070

THE GALLATIN GATEWAY INN

Experience the diversity of winter in Montana at the historic Gallatin Gateway Inn, just 12 miles southwest of Bozeman on US 191. Nestled in the heart of the Gallatin Valley, the Inn is perfectly located between Big Sky Ski Resort and Bridger Bowl Ski Area, as well as near outstanding cross-country ski and snowshoe trails. To bring you the best of both worlds, whether it's skiing the "cold smoke" of Bridger Bowl or the vertical slopes of Big Sky, The Gallatin Gateway Inn is the ideal accommodation for your vacation. As an alternative to alpine skiing, enjoy a day trip into nearby Yellowstone National Park or arrange for a guided wildlife viewing tour on snowshoes.

Built in 1927 by the Chicago-Milwaukee Railroad, the Inn is Montana's quintessential hotel, offering unique luxury accommodations with a historic flair. After a great day of winter activities, enjoy the elegance of the dining room and exquisite gourmet fare of Chef Erik Carr. Enjoy the warmth of a roaring fire in the grand fireplace lounge or watch the stars while relaxing in our outdoor jacuzzi. At the Gallatin Gateway Inn, there is something for everyone!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

GALLATIN GATEWAY INN
P.O. Box 376
Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730
800-676-3522
406-763-4672
Fax 406-763-4672

GOLDEN EAGLE LODGING AT BIG SKY

Located at Big Sky Ski and Summer Resort, Golden Eagle is 45 miles south of Bozeman and neighbor to Yellowstone National Park. Out your front door you will find access to 75 km of an extensive cross-country trail system. Lone Mountain Guest Ranch, premier cross-country ski area of the Northwest, offers a variety of terrain for beginners and experts. Or ski 65 miles of exhilarating downhill on 55 runs over 2,100 acres. Our pinnacle peak, Lone Mountain, rises 11,166 feet with a vertical drop of 4,180 feet.

Golden Eagle offers the largest selection of luxury condominiums and homes in Big Sky.

Conveniently located near the cross-country track system, slopes, dining, shops and entertainment, Golden Eagle condos have panoramic mountain views, furnished kitchens and stone fireplaces. Some have access to pools, saunas and jacuzzis. Golden Eagle Lodge offers comfortable and newly remodeled rooms, with a restaurant and bar on the premises, the perfect choice for those on a budget. Prices start at $115/night for a one-bedroom condo and $45/night in the lodge. Fly Delta or Northwest to Bozeman.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

GOLDEN EAGLE
P.O. Box 160008
Big Sky, MT 59716
800-548-4488
Fax 406-995-2447

SCOTT SPIKER

MOUNTAIN TIMBERS WILDERNESS LODGE

Tucked in the heart of the Rocky Mountains of northwest Montana, you'll find Mountain Timbers–a magnificent hand-hewn hideaway that provides serenity, cross-country skiing and spectacular vistas into Glacier National Park.

Beyond the calm of our lodge, winding through 260 forested acres, we're renowned for our 15 km of professionally designed and groomed cross-country ski trails. Or enjoy backcountry skiing through the awesome beauty of Glacier Park, just seven miles away.

If you prefer speed to serenity, you'll find the entrance to the Canyon Creek Snowmobile Trail only minutes from our door. Downhill skiing at The Big Mountain is just 25 miles away.

When you return to our spacious lodge, built from 450-year-old logs, you'll find a massive rock and stone fireplace, comfortable sitting area, a fully stocked library and views of 10,000-ft. peaks in Glacier Park. You'll enjoy ending your day with a game of pool, a video or a soak in our jacuzzi. After a relaxing night's sleep under a cozy down comforter, you'll awaken the next morning to a complete country-style breakfast. At Mountain Timbers, you will discover the true Montana.

Open year-round, our lodge is also convenient to whitewater rafting, canoeing, fishing, horseback riding, hiking, golfing, restaurants and shopping.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

MOUNTAIN TIMBERS WILDERNESS LODGE
P.O. Box 94
West Glacier, MT 59936
800-841-3835 or 406-387-5830
Fax 406-387-5835

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PAOLA CREEK BED & BREAKFAST

Paola Creek is the Glacier area's premier bed & breakfast accommodations. Nestled between Glacier Park and the Great Bear Wilderness, this beautiful, hand-crafted log home offers four guest rooms with queen-size beds and full private baths. After a day of activities, relax in the spacious Great Room before the river rock fireplace, or curl up with a book from our library next to a wood stove in the reading room.

Full hearty breakfasts and afternoon tea and appetizers are included with our night's stay. Five-course family-style gourmet dinners are served in our dining room, which offers unequaled views of Mount Saint Nicholas. Lunches are also available upon request.

Untracked ski touring and backcountry bowls are accessible immediately out the door. Paola Creek is the ultimate base camp for skiers or snowshoers who seek Glacier Country's winter splendor.

Open year-round. Hiking, biking, river activities, photography and wildlife viewing are only moments away.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

PAOLA CREEK BED & BREAKFAST
HC 36 Box 4C
Essex, MT 59916
406-888-5061
Fax 406-888-5063

DONNIE SEXTON

WADE LAKE RESORT

Located in the Hidden Lake chain of lakes in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests, Wade Lake Resort offers over 25 km of professionally track-set trails, miles of off trail skiing and telemark areas for skiers of all ability levels. With only three fully-equipped housekeeping cabins nestled in the woods on the lake, and a five mile over snow access, Wade Lake Resort offers a quiet, peaceful destination for couples or small groups.

Designated a Watchable Wildlife Viewing Site, Wade Lake, which stays partially ice-free in winter, provides habitat for bald eagles, trumpeter swans, waterfowl, river otters and beaver. From January through March, hundreds of native rainbow trout spawn in the stream below the resort. Instead of sharing the trails with people, you'll cross tracks with moose, elk, deer, coyote, bobcat, fox, ermine and snowshoe hares.

We provide a shuttle from the parking area off US 287 and the Madison River, or we'll shuttle your gear while you ski the trail in. After a vigorous day outdoors, soak in a wood-fired hot tub overlooking the lake. Prepare your own dinner or join us in the lodge.

If you're thinking of a winter trip to the Yellowstone area and would like the experience of a remote location, the assurance of great skiing in a Montana forest, and the comfort of your own cabin, then think of us.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

WADE LAKE RESORT
P.O. Box 107
Cameron, MT 59720
406-682-7560

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With some of the longest, most scenic groomed trails

in the nation, Montana offers the perfect destination for snowmobilers. Imagine riding all day without crossing a highway! Montana greets snowmobilers with the enviable choice of 3,700 miles of groomed trails. This impressive network is the result of years of hard work and dedication on the part of the Montana Snowmobile Association (MSA), a group of individuals, snowmobile clubs and businesses dedicated to ensuring that snowmobiling in Montana remains a fun, safe and enriching experience for everyone. ❄ MSA volunteers educate other riders about safety, outdoor survival and avalanche awareness. Others host fun rides, charity rides and special events throughout the season. In short, these snowmobile enthusiasts work hard so snowmobilers can play hard! So explore our snowy mountains and meadows, backcountry lakes, steaming hot springs and legendary ghost towns. Or catch a glimpse of Montana's varied wildlife...at a distance, please.

SNOWMOBILE

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VICTOR BJORNBERG

SEASONS, SNOW CONDITIONS AND OTHER TIPS FOR SNOWMOBILERS

The Montana snowmobiling season is from mid-December to April, with some variation, of course, due to yearly snow fluctuations and location. ❄ Snow conditions are powdery early in the season, with hardpack developing as the season progresses. ❄ Temperatures vary widely, but generally average in the 20s to 30s range, although it's common for the mercury to dip below zero. ❄ Snow depths range from one to three feet at lower elevations and from six to 15 feet in the mountains. ❄ Snowmobiles on public land must be registered and display a decal. Snowmobiles currently registered in other states are not required to display a Montana registration decal. For snowmobiles not currently registered, a non-resident, temporary-use permit is required and can be obtained by calling Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Department headquarters at 406-444-2535. ❄ Snowmobilers riding on plowed streets that are open to snowmobile traffic must have a driver's license or possess a snowmobile safety certificate and travel with an adult.

For more information about snowmobiling in Montana, contact:
Montana Snowmobile Association
P.O. Box 4714, Missoula, MT 59806

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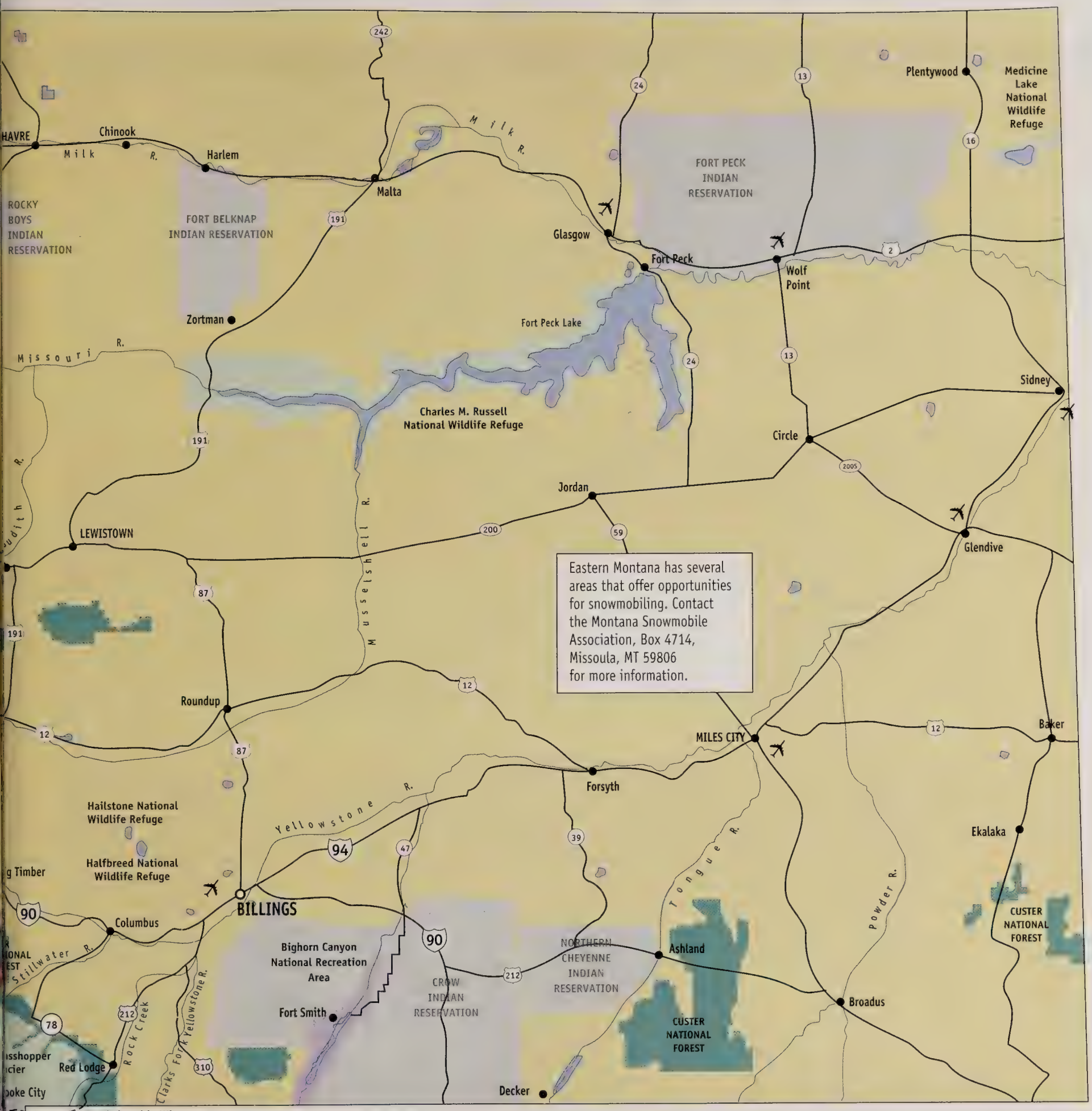
Yaak R.
Yaak
Northwest Peak Area
Ten Lakes Scenic Area
Eureka
FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST
Polebridge
Fortine
Stryker
Lake Koocanusa
KOOTENAI
Kootenai R.
Troy
Libby
Ross Creek Giant Cedars
Cabinet Mountain Wilderness
Whitefish Lake
Whitefish
Columbia Falls
KALISPELL
Ashley Lake
NATIONAL
Hungry Horse Reservior
Hungry Horse
West Glacier
GLACIER NATIONAL PARK
North Fork Flathead R.
Big Fork
Lake Mary Ronan
Flathead Lake
Great Bear Wilderness
FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST
Clark Fork R.
FOREST
Thompson Falls
FLATHEAD
Polson
Plains
INDIAN RESERVATION
Ronan
LOLO
Haugan
St. Regis
Superior
NATIONAL
National Bison Range
Mission Mountains Wilderness
St. Ignatius
Rattlesnake Wilderness
Seeley Lake
LOLO
Scapegoat Wilderness
Bob Marshall Wilderness
FOREST
LEWIS & CLARK NATIONAL FOREST
Ovando
Blackfoot R.
MISSOULA
FOREST
Lolo
Lolo Hot Springs
St. Mary's Mission
Bitterroot Wilderness
Bitterroot R.
Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge
LOLO
Garnet Ghost Town
Drummond
Clark Fork R.
BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST
DEER LODGE
Philipsburg
Hamilton
BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST
Georgetown Lake
Darby
Bitterroot Wilderness
Sula
FOREST
Anaconda—Pintler Wilderness
ANACONDA
BUTTE
Wise River
Big Hole R.
Big Hole Battlefield
Wisdom
Wise R.
BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST
Melrose
Jackson
Polaris
BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST
Bannack
Clark Canyon Reservoir
DILLON
Ruby R.
Ruby River Reservoir
Virginia City
Ennis
Madison R.
Jefferson R.
Boulder R.
Missouri R.
Rimini
Elliston
BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST
Boulder
Townsend
HELENA NATIONAL FOREST
HELENA
Canyon Ferry Lake
Lincoln
HELENA NATIONAL FOREST
Marysville
Hauser Lake
York
Gates of the Mountains Wilderness
Ovando
Seeley Lake
Rattlesnake Wilderness
Dearborn R.
Cascade
Augusta
Choteau
Conrad
Shelby
Cut Bank
Browning
BLACKFEET INDIAN RESERVATION
Sweetgrass
Two Medicine R.
East Glacier
PARK
Lake Frances
Lake Elwell
Marias R.
Teton R.
Sun R.
GREAT FALLS
Fort Benton
Belt
Smith R.
Neihart
LEWIS & CLARK NATIONAL FOREST
Fresno Reservoir
Gallatin Gateway
BOZEMAN
Norris
Lee Metcalf Wilderness
Big Sky
Gallatin R.
GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST
Petrified Forest
Emigrant
LIVINGSTON
Pine Creek
Pray
Yellowstone R.
Corwin Springs
Gardiner
Absaroka - Beart Wilderness
Silver Gate
Mammoth Hot Springs
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK
Norris
Tower Junction
Canyon
Lake
West Yellowstone
West Thumb
Old Faithful
Yellowstone Lake
Shoshone Lake
Grant Village
Lima
Lima Reservoir
Monida
Lower Red Rock Lake
Upper Red Rock Lake
Red Rock Lakes Nat'l Wildlife Refuge
IDAHO
White Sulphur Springs
Martinsd
Wilsall
Clyde Park
Shields R.
GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST
Townsend
Missouri R.
Boulder R.
Jefferson R.
Ruby R.
Madison R.
Gallatin R.
Yellowstone R.
Smith R.
Teton R.
Marias R.
Dearborn R.
Blackfoot R.
Flathead R.
Clark Fork R.
Bitterroot R.
North Fork Flathead R.
Kootenai R.
Two Medicine R.
Big Hole R.
Wise R.
Boulder R.
Shields R.
Missouri

SNOWMOBILING AREAS



Eastern Montana has several areas that offer opportunities for snowmobiling. Contact the Montana Snowmobile Association, Box 4714, Missoula, MT 59806 for more information.

(For detailed information about these areas, see charts on pages 30-35.)

1. Cut Bank
2. The Flathead (Columbia Falls, Whitefish, Bigfork, Kalispell)
3. Haugan/Thompson Falls
4. Libby/Ten Lakes Scenic Area/Yaak
5. Lolo Pass
6. Mission Mountains
7. Seeley Lake
8. Skalkaho
9. Deer Lodge
10. Dillon/Polaris
11. Garnet
12. Georgetown Lake
13. Helena
14. Lincoln
15. Virginia City/Ennis
16. Wisdom/Jackson
17. Wise River
18. Big Timber
19. Bozeman/Big Sky
20. Cooke City/Silver Gate
21. Livingston
22. West Yellowstone
23. Kings Hill/Little Belts

SNOWMOBILING QUICK REFERENCE CHART

AREA NAME	LOCATION	AREA DESCRIPTION	ELEVATION	MILES GROOMED
CUT BANK 1	Marias Pass is midway between Cut Bank and Kalispell on US 2. Amtrak has scheduled east-west service with stops in Cut Bank, East Glacier and Essex.	Those who like their winters wild can test their mettle at northwest Montana's Marias Pass Trail Complex. Straddling the Continental Divide, these trails are rugged and remote. A wide range of riding is available, from novice to expert, on 45 miles of groomed trails and another 35 miles of ungroomed trails. Guides are advisable on some trails. Steep slopes and sudden storms make for extreme weather conditions.	Marias Pass, 5,280'; trails to 8,000'	45 miles
THE FLATHEAD (Columbia Falls, Whitefish, Bigfork, Kalispell) 2	The Flathead Valley encompasses the communities of Columbia Falls, Whitefish, Kalispell, Bigfork and Lakeside/Somers in northwest Montana and can be accessed via US 93 and US 2. Air service is centrally located at Glacier Park International Airport (FCA). Amtrak has regular east-west rail service to Whitefish, just minutes from trailheads.	Northwest Montana's Recreation Wonderland boasts over 200 miles of groomed snowmobile trails, with nearly 2,000 miles of U.S.D.A Forest Service roads that take you into great hill climbing, powder play areas, wildlife viewing and spectacular ridgetop views of Glacier National Park and the Canadian Rockies. Add to that more than 4,000 acres of skiing at The Big Mountain Ski and Summer Resort, ample cross-country skiing, ice fishing, ice skating and dog sledding and you have a true winter playground.	Kalispell, 2,956'; trails to 7,000'	220 miles
HAUGAN/ THOMPSON FALLS 3	Haugan is on the I-90 Montana-Idaho border in northwest Montana, 90 miles west of Missoula on I-90 and 110 miles east of Spokane.	Haugan offers snowmobiling opportunities for all abilities. It's one of those great places that combines vast riding possibilities with a family atmosphere. Trails begin right off I-90. Lots of cross-country ski territory. You'll see friendly faces at trailside stops in Haugan, St. Regis, De Borgia, Saltese and Thompson Falls, with designated trails, open meadows, scenic views and abundant wildlife. One main loop provides access to a 1,000-mile trail system headquartered in Wallace, Idaho.	Haugan-Lookout Pass, 4,725'; trails to 5,000'. Thompson Falls-Thompson Pass, 4,852'; trails to 6,407'	150 miles
LIBBY/ TEN LAKES SCENIC AREA/ YAAK 4	Libby is on US 2 in extreme northwest Montana. Nearest airports are Kalispell, 90 miles east on US 2 and Spokane, 165 miles west on US 2. Eureka is 66 miles northwest of Kalispell.	High in the Cabinet and Purcell mountains, you can ride forever and see even farther. Headquarters for this year-round recreation area is the Scandinavian town of Libby, home of miners, loggers and all who love the outdoors. If you're looking for the "real" Montana, you'll find it here or in the neighboring towns of Troy, Eureka, Fortine or Yaak. Check on trail conditions before going out, as trails are groomed intermittently.	Libby, 2,066'; trails to 5,800'. Fortine, 2,965'; trails to 5,800'	153 miles
LOLO PASS 5	Lolo Pass is on US 12 at the Montana-Idaho border, 45 miles southwest of Missoula. Nearest airport is Missoula.	At Lolo Hot Springs visitors enjoy the same soothing waters that bathed the weary members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition nearly 200 years ago. Starting at either Lolo Hot Springs or at Lolo Pass seven miles west, snowmobilers can conduct their own modern-day explorations, using 250 miles of groomed, connecting trails in the Lolo and Clearwater national forests.	Missoula, 3,200'; Lolo Hot Springs, 4,160'; trails to 6,500'	250 miles
MISSION MOUNTAINS 6	Ronan is between Missoula and Kalispell on US 93 in western Montana. Nearest airports are Missoula, 55 miles south and Kalispell, 65 miles north.	Few people are content merely to look at the Mission Mountains. Maybe more than any other mountain range in Montana, these jagged peaks beckon visitors to come closer and explore. It should be noted that because the trails are on the Flathead Indian Reservation, snowmobilers need special recreation permits widely available at gas stations and convenience stores on the reservation. Snowmobiling is prohibited in the Mission Mountains Wilderness Area.	Ronan, 3,200'; trails to 7,000'	45 miles
SEELEY LAKE 7	Seeley Lake is 15 miles north of the junction of MT 83 and 200 in western Montana. Nearest airport is Missoula, 60 miles west via MT 200 and I-90.	Tucked between the Mission Mountains and the Swan Range on scenic MT 83, Seeley Lake is one of western Montana's most popular year-round recreation areas. Starting from town, snowmobilers can fan out in nearly every direction to scenic lookouts, cozy lodges, cafes and backcountry lakes for ice fishing.	Seeley Lake, 4,000'; trails to 7,000'	230 miles
SKALKAHO 8	Access to the Skalkaho snowmobile area is two miles south of Hamilton, then 15 miles east on Skalkaho Hwy 38. Hamilton is 50 miles south of Missoula on US 93 in southwest Montana. Nearest airport is located in Missoula.	One of Montana's least-traveled snowmobile areas is one of the most scenic. In summer, the Skalkaho Highway from Hamilton to the Georgetown Lake area is a scenic alternative to I-90. In winter, it is the kind of trail that snowmobilers dream about. Closed to automobile traffic, it allows privileged views of frozen Skalkaho Falls, tall peaks and deep canyons.	Hamilton, 3,572'; Skalkaho Pass, 7,260'; trails to 8,000'	56 miles

TRAILS	SERVICES	CONTACTS
Popular trails originating at Marias Pass are **Two Medicine, Skyland** and **Pike Creek.** These are rugged trails on the Lewis & Clark and Flathead national forests south of Glacier Park and north of the Great Bear Wilderness. There are additional ungroomed trails in the area.	Snowmobile service and rentals, lodging and food are available at Essex, 15 miles west on US 2; lodging and food at East Glacier, 12 miles east.	**Cut Bank Snogoers,** Box 301, Cut Bank, MT 59427; **Cut Bank Chamber of Commerce,** Box 1243, Cut Bank, MT 59427, 406-873-4041; **Lewis & Clark National Forest,** 1101 15th St. N., Box 869, Great Falls, MT 59403, 406-791-7700; **Rocky Mountain Ranger District,** Box 340, Choteau, MT 59422, 406-466-5341
Canyon Creek to The Big Mountain begins north of Columbia Falls and crosses Werner Peak to connect with the **Olney Creek** and **Taylor Creek** trails. Continuing north, the **Graves Creek/Mount Marston** trail system goes over the Whitefish Mountain Range to upper Whitefish and Red Meadow Lakes. Between Hungry Horse and the Great Bear Wilderness is the **Desert Mountain** area and south of Bigfork, between Flathead Lake and Swan Lake, are the **Crane Mountain** and **Allard** areas. Avalanche dangers exist in some areas and may result in trail closures.	The Flathead Valley offers a full range of visitor services, including snowmobile sales, service and rentals. Guided tours may be arranged through the Flathead Snowmobile Association. Great lodging facilities are located in each community and range from bed & breakfasts, cabins, condos, lodges and ranches to small, independent motels and deluxe, full service hotels/convention centers.	**Flathead Convention & Visitor Association (FCVA),** 15 Depot Park, Kalispell, MT 59901, 800-543-3105 **(Call the FCVA for information on Chambers of Commerce in Bigfork, Columbia Falls, Kalispell, Lakeside/Somers and Whitefish); Flathead Snowmobile Association,** Box 5041, Kalispell, MT 59903, 406-756-6139; **South Fork Snowmobile Association,** Box 443, Hungry Horse, MT 59919, 406-387-9090; **Flathead National Forest,** 1935 3rd Ave. East, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-755-5401
In Haugan, popular groomed trails on the Lolo National Forest are **Ford Hill/Old Mullan Pass, Packer Creek/Randolph Creek, Packer Creek/Timber Creek, Norpac, Milwaukee/Dominion, Deer Creek/Up Up and Taft Summit.** These are easy-to-intermediate trails that follow waterline routes and provide loop tours with access to meadows and play area.	Fuel, food and lodging are available in Haugan, St. Regis, De Borgia, Saltese and Thompson Falls. Limited snowmobile service in Thompson Falls. Snowmobile sales and full service in Heron, 40 miles from Thompson Falls and in Wallace, Idaho.	**Montana Nightriders Snowmobile Club,** Box 420242, Haugan, MT 59842, 406-678-4242; **Superior Ranger District,** Lolo National Forest, Box 460, Superior, MT 59872, 406-822-4233; **Thompson Falls Chamber of Commerce,** Box 493, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, 406-827-4930
There's the rugged **Keeler-Rattle** trail system with its magnificent views of the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness and proposed Scotchman Peak Wilderness; the **Purcell Mountains** with 60 miles of loop trails and play areas, all near Turner Mountain ski area and the **Pete Creek Trail** that travels to mountain bowls and alpine lakes. Another popular trail is the 36-mile Grave Creek Road with great views of Glacier.	Food and lodging facilities are available in Libby, Troy, Yaak, Eureka and Fortine. Snowmobile service is available in Eureka, Fortine and Libby, with snowmobile sales in Libby. Guided tours can be arranged through the Lincoln County Sno-Kats Snowmobile Club.	**Libby Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest,** 12557 MT 37, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-7773; **Three Rivers Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest,** 1437 N. US 2, Troy, MT 59935, 406-295-4693; **Libby Chamber of Commerce,** Box 704, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-4167; **Lincoln County Sno-Kats Snowmobile Club,** 2072 Iron Creek Rd., Troy, MT 59935, 406-295-5858; **Ten Lakes Snowmobile Club,** Box 131, Fortine, MT 59918, 406-882-4474
A series of interconnecting loop trails straddle two national forests on the Montana-Idaho border. **East Fork, Lost Creek System, Elk Meadows, Moose Ridge, Cooper Creek** and **Wagon Mountain** are just some of the trails that lead deep into the heart of the Bitterroot Range, with lots of meadows and play areas along the way.	Food, lodging, swimming and RV camping are available at Lolo Hot Springs. A full range of visitor services, including snowmobile rentals, sales and service, are available in Missoula.	**Missoula Ranger District, Lolo National Forest,** Building 24A, Fort Missoula, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-329-3750; **Powell Ranger District, Clearwater National Forest,** Lolo, MT 59847, 208-942-3113; **Missoula Snowgoers,** 5309 Rattlesnake Dr., Missoula, MT 59802, 406-543-4558; **Missoula Convention & Visitors Bureau,** 825 E. Front, Missoula, MT 59802, 406-543-6623, 800-526-3465
The **Boulder Trail** starts just off MT 35 near Finley Point on Flathead Lake; the first 10 miles are groomed to the top of the range, where the trail connects with nearly 60 miles of ungroomed trails through forest openings. The ungroomed **Jocko Lake Trail** provides a 35-mile ride over the Missions that connects with groomed trails on the Seeley Lake side.	Snowmobile sales and service are available in Ronan. The nearest rentals are in Kalispell and Columbia Falls. Guided tours may be arranged through the Mission Mountain Snowmobile Club in Ronan. A wide variety of food and lodging services are available throughout the Mission and Flathead valleys.	**Mission Mountain Snowmobile Club,** 112 Main St. S.W., Ronan, MT 59864, 406-676-5000
Popular trails include **Double Arrow Lookout,** with views of the Swan Range and Clearwater Valley; **Elsina Lake,** site of Sunday cookouts with the Seeley Lake Driftriders Snowmobile Club; **Seeley Lake-Ovando,** a favorite for those who like to dine and dash; **Marshall Lake,** a scenic 15-mile loop and **Holland Lake,** a high elevation ride that rewards its finishers with a friendly lodge and cabins on a beautiful lake.	Snowmobile sales, service, guides and rentals, plus lodging and food are available in Seeley Lake. Lodging available at Holland Lake Lodge. Limited services are available on the trail.	**Seeley Lake Ranger District, Lolo National Forest,** HC31, Box 3200, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2233; **Seeley Lake Driftriders,** Box 174, Seeley Lake, MT 59868; **Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce,** Box 516, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2880
Skalkaho Pass Area offers 25 miles of groomed trails. From there, open areas and ungroomed trails offer a wide variety of terrain for all skill levels. **The Skalkaho-Sleeping Child-Rye Creek Area** has 31 miles of groomed trails, looping through higher elevations, through a burned area and back to the head of Rye Creek. The loop can also be entered from Rye Creek, south of Darby.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals are available in Hamilton. A wide variety of food and lodging is available in Hamilton and throughout the Bitterroot Valley.	**Bitterroot National Forest Office,** 1801 N. 1st St., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-3131; **Darby Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest,** Box 388, Darby, MT 59829, 406-821-3913; **Bitterroot Chamber of Commerce,** 105 E. Main St., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-2400; **Bitterroot Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club,** Box 265, Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-4689

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AREA NAME	LOCATION	AREA DESCRIPTION	ELEVATION	MILES GROOMED
DEER LODGE 9	Deer Lodge is 80 miles east of Missoula and 40 miles west of Butte in westcentral Montana. Accessed from I-90. Nearest airport is Butte.	By the Clark Fork River on I-90 in a long valley between snow-covered mountains is the historic city of Deer Lodge. This easily accessible area is a hit with family groups as well as those looking for adventure. Enjoy wide open spaces under a big blue sky.	5,300' at the trailhead; trails to 8,000'	40 miles
DILLON/ POLARIS 10	33 miles northwest of Dillon, off Route 278, in southwest Montana. May be reached from the north from MT 43. Nearest airport is Butte, about one hour north on I-15. Daily north-south bus service to Dillon.	One of Montana's better-kept secrets lies in the pristine mountain valleys in the southwest corner of the state. The mountains are the Pioneers and the place is the Grasshopper and Big Hole valley region. The trail system follows a scenic route between Wise River and the Grasshopper Valley, a designated National Forest Scenic Byway.	Dillon, 5,100'; trails to 8,400'	200 miles
GARNET 11	The ghost town is about 30 miles east of Missoula and can be reached from either MT 200 or I-90. Nearest airport is Missoula.	Less than a century ago, a prosperous gold mining town that boasted a dozen saloons, numerous hotels, brothels, stores, blacksmith shops and homes for more than a thousand residents. Today, thanks to the Garnet Preservation Association and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, a 100-mile trail system has opened the town to snowmobilers and skiers, providing a link to an important era in the development of the Rocky Mountain West. Enjoy spectacular views of the Blackfoot Valley, the Mission Mountains, the Bob Marshall Wilderness and the Pintler Range.	4,200' at the trailhead; trails to 7,000'	100 miles
GEORGETOWN LAKE 12	Pintler Scenic Route (MT 1 between Drummond and Anaconda, off I-90 in southwest Montana). Nearest airports are Butte, 50 miles east on I-90 and Missoula, 80 miles west on I-90.	One of Montana's most popular lakes is the centerpiece of a winter sports area that offers snowmobiling, ice fishing, downhill and cross-country skiing. On the Pintler Scenic Route, Georgetown Lake is surrounded by mountains and wilderness. There's an abundance of silver salmon in Georgetown Lake and fun at nearby downhill slopes, Nordic trails and mineral hot springs swimming pools.	Georgetown, 6,400'; trails to 9,000'	90 miles
HELENA 13	Helena is at the junction of I-15, US 12 and US 287, on the east slope of the Rockies in western Montana. Fly into Helena or drive I-15 or US 287 north-south or US 12 east-west.	Visitors return again and again just to explore the mountains and trails within an hour's drive of the city. Extending from Helena in nearly every direction are 245 miles of trails leading to ghost towns, high mountain ridges and lakes, plus unlimited exploring on thousands of acres of national forest.	Helena, 4,000'; trails to 8,000'	245 miles
LINCOLN 14	Lincoln is midway between Great Falls and Missoula on MT 200. Nearest airports are Great Falls, 90 miles northeast, Missoula, 80 miles west and Helena, 60 miles southeast on Route 279.	Start your weekend with a cup of coffee or cocoa at the Snow Warriors' clubhouse, then explore more than 250 miles of groomed trails and unlimited play areas. Eight major trails start right in town where sledding is permitted on the streets. Most trails are lightly traveled, with breathtaking views around every turn. Deer, elk and an occasional moose may be seen.	Lincoln, 4,575'; trails to 8,200'	250 miles
VIRGINIA CITY/ENNIS 15	Ennis is on US 287, 45 miles south of I-90 and 70 miles north of Yellowstone National Park, in southwest Montana. Virginia City is 14 miles west of Ennis on US 287.	One of Montana's most popular summer attractions, the restored gold mining camp of Virginia City is a treasure in winter. An 1863 gold strike lured thousands of fortune seekers to its main street, Alder Gulch. Sledding is permitted in town and building tours may be arranged for groups. Within sledding distance of town is a trail system that opens up the Gravelly Range.	Virginia City, 5,822'; trails to 8,000'	130 miles
WISDOM/ JACKSON 16	Junction of MT 43 and Route 278, west of I-15, in extreme southwest Montana. Nearest airport is Butte.	Cold, dry powder snow comes early and stays late, assuring great sledding. If you seek challenge and solitude and don't mind sharing the trails with moose, elk and other wintering wildlife, Wisdom is the place for you. There are friendly folks in town to keep you company after the sun goes down, plus hot springs resorts and downhill and cross-country skiing nearby.	Wisdom, 6,058'; trails to 7,500'	150 miles

TRAILS	SERVICES	CONTACTS
The snowmobile trailhead is eight miles southeast of the city center and has ample parking. 40 miles of marked and groomed trails lead to Champion Pass, the Continental Divide, Leadville, White Horse and other points of interest.	Food, lodging, fuel and vehicle repair in Deer Lodge. Snowmobile repair in Butte, 40 miles east.	**Deerlodge Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests,** 91 N. Frontage Rd., Deer Lodge, MT 59722, 406-846-1770; **Deer Lodge Snowmobile Club,** Box 44, Deer Lodge, MT 59722
Trails to the ghost town of Coolidge and the Elkhorn Mine. Major groomed trails heading west tie into the **Wisdom/Jackson** trail system at Bear Lake (see Wisdom/Jackson) and head north to the **Wise River** trail system (see Wise River). Heading south to **Reservoir Lake** you can join the trails of the Salmon, Idaho snowmobiling club.	Food, lodging, fuel, guide service, snowmobile and clothing rentals available at Polaris. Food, lodging, fuel, snowmobile sales and service available in Dillon. Rental Forest Service cabins at Bear and Reservoir Lakes. Cross-country ski trails and downhill skiing nearby.	**Dillon Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests,** 420 Barrett Street, Dillon, MT 59725, 406-683-3900; **Beaverhead Sno-Riders,** Box 867, Dillon, MT 59825, 406-683-6333 or 406-683-2205
The core of this trail system is the 31.5-mile **Garnet National Winter Recreation Trail,** which takes snowmobilers and skiers into the heart of the ghost town and the surrounding area. Secondary trails, including **First Chance Gulch, Top O'Deep, Chamberlain Creek,** take recreationists to higher elevations.	There are no commercial services in Garnet. Cabin rentals are available (during winter only) through the Garnet Preservation Association. A full range of services, including snowmobile sales, rentals and service, are available in Missoula, 30 miles west on MT 200 and at Seeley Lake. Food and lodging are also available in Drummond off I-90 south of Garnet.	**Garnet Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management,** 3255 Fort Missoula Rd., Missoula, MT 59801, 406-329-3914; **Garnet Preservation Association,** Box 8531, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-329-1031; **Missoula Convention & Visitors Bureau,** 825 E. Front, Missoula, MT 59802, 406-543-6623, 800-526-3465
Four major trail systems include **Carp Ridge,** which ends at the Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness boundary; **Peterson Meadows,** a popular spot for cookouts and picnics; **Red Lion Racetrack Lake** with ridgetop views of surrounding peaks; and **Echo Lake,** halfway between Georgetown Lake and Discovery Basin ski area. Other popular trails are **Storm Lake, Moose Lake and Warm Springs Creek.**	Snowmobile sales and service are available in nearby Philipsburg and Anaconda. Fuel, food and lodging are available at Georgetown Lake and in Philipsburg and Anaconda. Guided tours may be arranged through the Anaconda Snowmobile Club.	**Philipsburg Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests,** Box H, Philipsburg, MT 59858, 406-859-3211; **Anaconda Snowmobile Club,** 150 Fireweed Ln., Anaconda, MT 59711, 406-563-7945
There are three major trail systems, all within a 30-minute drive of Helena. The **Marysville** area has 45 miles of groomed trails. Just 10 miles from Helena is the **Minnehaha-Rimini** area with 120 miles of groomed trails northeast of Helena, there are 45 miles of groomed trails in the **Magpie-Sunshine** area that include inspiring views of the Gates of the Mountains Wilderness.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals, plus a full range of lodging and food services are available in Helena. Guided tours may be arranged through the Helena Snowdrifters Snowmobile Club.	**Helena Ranger District, Helena National Forest,** 2001 Poplar, Helena, MT 59601, 406-449-5490; **Helena Snowdrifters,** 1813 N. Oakes, Helena, MT 59601, 406-449-2685; **Helena Chamber of Commerce,** 225 Cruse Ave., Helena, MT 59601, 406-442-4120
Popular trails include scenic **Huckleberry Pass,** a tree-lined route with several play areas which connects to the Seeley Lake Trail system; **Keep Cool,** a scenic lake tour; **Stonewall Mountain**, an advanced ride with spectacular views; **Dalton Mountain**, an easy trail with play areas; **Alice Creek**, scenic territory with play areas. There are a few restricted areas, lots of play areas and plenty of variety for all skill levels.	Snowmobile sales, rentals, licensed guide services, lodging, food and fuel are all available in Lincoln. Join the Ponderosa Snow Warriors Snowmobile Club at their heated clubhouse for poker runs, moonlight rides and picnics all season long.	**Lincoln Ranger District, Helena National Forest,** Box 219 Lincoln, MT 59639, 406-362-4265; **Ponderosa Snow Warriors,** Box 955, Lincoln, MT 59639, 406-362-4078 or 406-362-4335; **Lincoln Valley Chamber of Commerce,** P.O. Box 985, Lincoln, MT 59639, 406-362-4949
The 54-mile **Gravelly Range** trail system in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests follows Alder Gulch Canyon and leads you to old mining claims and the ghost town of Summit City. Side trips include the **Bachelor Creek Loop, Clover Meadows** and **Axolotl Lake.** Experienced snowmobilers may sled to seven high mountain lakes with high rock faces in the **Meadow Creek** area. **Antelope Basin/MT 87** can be accessed from Cliff Lake Lodge for 75 miles groomed trail.	Food, fuel and lodging, snowmobile rentals and service available in Ennis. Bed & breakfast in Virginia City.	**Madison Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests,** 5 Forest Service Rd., Ennis, MT 59729, 406-682-4253; **Madison Valley Snow Snakes,** Box 106, Cameron, MT 59720, 406-682-7152; **Outback and Beyond Trail Club,** Box 1314, Ennis, MT 59729, 406-682-7335; **Vigilante Snowmobilers,** Box 145, Virginia City, MT 59755, 406-843-5484 or 406-682-7755
Join the popular **Wise River-Polaris Trail** (see Dillon/Polaris) and **Wise River** trails (see Wise River) or the **Steel Creek** trails just east of Wisdom or head west on the **Gibbonsville Road,** which continues all the way to Salmon, Idaho. The **Placer Creek Trail** crosses the Continental Divide near Lost Trail Pass and drops into the Bitterroot Valley. Snowmobilers will also enjoy the **Stewart Meadow Complex** in this system.	Food, lodging and fuel in Wisdom and Jackson. Snowmobile sales and service in Jackson.	**Wisdom Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests,** Box 238, Wisdom, MT 59761, 406-689-3243; **Big Hole Snowmobile Club,** Box 141, Wisdom, MT 59761, 406-689-3400

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WISE RIVER 17	MT 43, 12 miles west of I-15 between Butte and Dillon. Nearest airport is Butte.	In December, snow transforms these mountains and river valleys into a giant snowmobile park. Choose one of the many trails within the system, rent a cabin at the end of the trail or ride your snowmobile to nearby Maverick Mountain for an afternoon of downhill skiing. Snowmobiling is permitted in the town of Wise River.	Wise River, 5,500'; trails to 8,000'	150 miles
BIG TIMBER 18	I-90 between Bozeman and Billings in southcentral Montana. Nearest airport is Bozeman, 60 miles west.	Glide along a river, through a canyon to the old mining town of Independence and over 25 miles of groomed trail south of Big Timber in the scenic Boulder River Valley. Surrounded on three sides by designated wilderness, the Boulder Canyon Trail follows a beautiful roaded corridor that divides the towering peaks of the Absaroka and Beartooth ranges.	Big Timber, 4,072'; trails to 9,000'	34 miles
BOZEMAN/ BIG SKY 19	Southwest Montana on I-90 between Billings and Butte. Fly into Bozeman. Drive I-90 east-west or US 191/287 north-south.	Bozeman is perfectly located for the winter sports lover. Close to snowmobiling in Yellowstone National Park and within minutes of some of Montana's finest downhill and cross-country skiing, Bozeman is a prime winter destination. The park lies just 90 miles south through the scenic Gallatin River Canyon. You can sled most of the way on the popular Big Sky Snowmobile Trail.	Bozeman, 4,755'; trails to 9,500'	200 miles
COOKE CITY/ SILVER GATE 20	Extreme southcentral Montana on US 212. Nearest airport is Bozeman, 140 miles northwest on I-90, US 89 and Mammoth-Cooke City Hwy. Car access is through northern Yellowstone National Park. US 212 , east of Cooke City, is closed in winter.	A friendly community of "80 people, dogs, moose and an occasional bison." Gateway to Yellowstone and the spectacular Beartooth high country, Cooke City/Silver Gate enjoys perhaps the longest winter sports season in Montana. The makers of both Yamaha and Arctic Cat snowmobiles have chosen the area as a test site and promotional film location for their machines.	Cooke City, 7,600'; trails to 10,000'	60 miles
LIVINGSTON 21	Junction of I-90 and US 89 in southwest Montana. Nearest airport is Bozeman, about 30 minutes west on I-90.	Two of Montana's most spectacular mountain ranges–the Absarokas and the Crazies–provide a majestic setting for the Yellowstone River community of Livingston. Winter recreationists are equally drawn to the forested canyons and top-of-the-world views.	Livingston, 4,489'; trails to 7,800'	84 miles
WEST YELLOWSTONE/ GARDINER 22	West Yellowstone is at the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park at the junction of US 191/287 and US 20. Gardiner is on US 89 north of Yellowstone. Nearest airport is Bozeman.	West Yellowstone tops every snowmobiler's dream list of places to go. The trail system begins right in town, where snowmobilers share city streets with motorists. Choose from 200 miles of groomed trails inside the park or 400 miles outside. The town of Gardiner is just outside the park's North Entrance, which is another access point to park trails.	West Yellowstone, 6,666'; trails to 10,000'	600 miles
KINGS HILL/ LITTLE BELTS 23	US 89 between Great Falls and White Sulphur Springs in central Montana. Nearest airports are Great Falls, 65 miles north and Helena, 110 miles southwest on US 89 and 12.	With plenty of space, an abundance of powder and miles of separate trails, Kings Hill is one of Montana's most popular sports areas. Showdown, Silver Crest cross-country ski area and the trailheads to more than 200 miles of groomed snowmobile trails are all within a mile of one another in the Little Belt Mountains 65 miles south of Great Falls. Great hill climbing and challenging ungroomed trails await more experienced snowmobilers, with gentle groomed loops set up for the new riders and the families who enjoy getting out to ride in the clear crisp air of our beautiful Big Sky country.	7,000' at parking lot; trails 6,000' to 8,000'	225 miles

TRAILS	SERVICES	CONTACTS
Trails include **Quartz Hill,** leading to a massive, high plateau; **Anderson Meadows,** which leads to backcountry lakes and a rental cabin. **Pattengail** travels eight miles to Pattengail Falls. **Lacy Creek** has 10 miles of groomed and ungroomed trails to five high mountain lakes. Other trails are **Bryant Creek** and the **Highline** with cabin rental available.	Snowmobile sales and service in Wise River. Fuel, food and lodging in Wise River and on the Wise River-Polaris trail. Guided tours may be arranged through the Wise River Jackpine Savages Snowmobile Club.	**Wise River Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests,** Box 100, Wise River, MT 59762, 406-832-3178; **Wise River Jackpine Savages,** Box 115, Wise River, MT 59762, 406-832-3258
Two trails provide plenty of variety in the Gallatin National Forest south of Big Timber. The 25-mile **Boulder Canyon Trail** takes snowmobilers to bowls, meadows and the abandoned mining town of Independence. The upper seven miles are moderate to difficult. Shorter and easier is the **East Boulder-Dry Fork Trail** with extensive play areas along its seven-mile length.	Snowmobile sales and service, food and lodging are available in Big Timber.	**Big Timber Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest,** Box 196, Big Timber, MT 59011, 406-932-5155; **Sweet Grass County Recreation Association,** Big Timber, MT 59011, 406-932-5319
Included in the system is the 120-mile **Big Sky Snowmobile Trail** between Bozeman and West Yellowstone. Five access routes make shorter loops for easier rides. **Buck Creek Ridge,** off US 191 south of Big Sky, provides miles of excellent play area. Forest Service rental cabin on top of Yellow Creek Divide. North of town are the **Brackett-Fairy Lake** and **Olsen Creek-Bangtail Ridge** trails.	A full range of services is available in Bozeman and the Gallatin Canyon. Lodging and food range from modest to elegant. All makes of snowmobiles are sold and serviced. Rentals are available in Bozeman and the Gallatin Canyon at Big Sky. Guided tours can be arranged through rental operators or the Gallatin Valley Snowmobile Association.	**Bozeman Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest,** 3710 Fallon St., Bozeman, MT 59715, 406-587-6920; **Gallatin Valley Snowmobile Association,** 409 S. Grand, Bozeman, MT 59715, 406-586-3437; **Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce,** Box B, 1205 E. Main St., Bozeman, MT 59715, 406-586-5421
Popular connecting trails are **Daisy Pass Road, Lulu Pass Road, Round Lake** and **Henderson Mountain.** The Cooke City trail system connects with 50 miles of groomed trails in Wyoming.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals, lodging and food are available in Cooke City. Shuttle service between Cooke City and Mammoth is available for snowmobilers. Guided tours may be arranged through the Upper Yellowstone Snowmobile Club.	**Gardiner Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest,** Box 5, Gardiner, MT 59030, 406-848-7375; **Yellowstone National Park,** WY, 82190, 307-344-7381, ext. 2206; **Upper Yellowstone Snowmobile Club,** Box 1037, Cooke City, MT 59020, 406-838-2246
20-mile **Shields Loop,** with Forest Service cabin rental nearby; the 15-mile **Cottonwood/Trespass Trail;** the **Ibex Cabin Trail,** also with Forest Service cabin rental; the **Mill Creek** and the **Rock Creek South,** with trails for a variety of skill levels.	Snowmobile sales and service, plus a full range of food and lodging are available in Livingston. Rentals are available in Gardiner and at Mammoth Hot Springs in Yellowstone National Park, about an hour south of Livingston on US 89. Guided tours may be arranged through the Big Sky Snowriders Snowmobile Club.	**Livingston Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest,** Route 62, Box 3197, Livingston, MT 59047, 406-222-1892; **Big Sky Snowriders,** 318 S. 5th St., Livingston, MT 59047, 406-222-1863 or 406-222-2676; **Livingston Chamber of Commerce,** 212 W. Park St., Livingston, MT 59047, 406-222-0850
All Yellowstone National Park roads except Mammoth to Cooke City and Canyon to Tower are open to snowmobiles. Ride from West Yellowstone to the **Grand Loop,** which takes you to Old Faithful, Yellowstone Lake, Norris Geyer Basin and many other of the park's favorite attractions. There are also hundreds of miles of trails in the Gallatin, Beaverhead-Deerlodge and Targhee forests in this system.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals, plus a full range of lodging and food services are available in West Yellowstone and Gardiner. Guided tours and packages are also available. Inside the park, lodging, food and fuel are available.	**West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce,** Box 458, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-646-7701; **Hebgen Lake Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest,** Box 520, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-646-7369; **Yellowstone National Park,** WY 82190, 307-344-7381, ext. 2206
Popular loop trails are **Divide Road, Kings Hill** and **Big Loop,** all with big powder play areas, unforgettable panoramic views and fun side trails for all levels of riders. Other popular trails are **Deadman, Lamb Creek** and **Jumping Creek.** Joining Kings Hill from the east is the Little Belt Trail that follows the South Fork of the Judith and includes the large hill climbing/play area of Musselshell Hill.	Snowmobile sales and service, plus food and lodging in Great Falls and Lewistown. Snowmobile rentals and lunch at Showdown. Fuel, food and lodging in Lewistown, White Sulphur Springs, Monarch and Neihart. Guided tours available. A parking area, large enough to accommodate RVs is located on US 89, with overflow parking in the area as well.	**Kings Hill Ranger District, Lewis & Clark National Forest,** 204 West Folsom, Box A, White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645, 406-547-3361; **Great Falls Snowmobile Club,** Box 6032, Great Falls, MT 59406; **Little Belt Snowmobile Club,** Box 355, Hobson, MT 59452 or 648 N.E. Washington, Lewistown, MT 59457

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TRAILS

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SEASON

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LOCATION

Montana High Country Tours Lodge and Snowmobiles is located in the upper Grasshopper Valley between the East and West Pioneer Mountains, 35 miles west of Dillon and only one mile from Maverick Mountain Ski Area. Fly to Butte or Bozeman, rent a car or have our shuttle service pick you up.

INSTRUCTION-GUIDE SERVICE

If you have never ridden before, our experienced staff can help you feel comfortable with your snowmobile in short order. They will take you to areas that will match your ability and teach you how to ride in various conditions so you can get the most enjoyment out of your snowmobile vacation. If you are an experienced rider looking to find some exciting riding in the outback, our guides will take you to the best!

SNOWMOBILES

We offer a wide selection of the latest model machines ranging from standard to performance, single- or double-riding, trail, powder or backcountry. All machines are equipped with hand warmers and dash bags, some with electric start and reverse.

DAY RENTAL OR PACKAGES

Choose from guided or unguided rental, single day or one of our all-inclusive multiple day snowmobile packages. Snowmobile/ski and other customized packages available. Call today and let us customize the exact snowmobile vacation you are looking for!

MONTANA HIGH COUNTRY TOURS

FOR MORE INFORMATION

MONTANA HIGH COUNTRY TOURS LODGE AND SNOWMOBILES
1036 East Reeder St.
Dillon, MT 59725
406-683-4920 or 406-834-3469

YELLOWSTONE TOUR AND TRAVEL

P.O. Box 410, West Yellowstone, MT 59758 ❄ 800-221-1151, Fax 406-646-9490

Add a day or more in Yellowstone Country to your ski vacation. Or make it your winter destination. Yellowstone in winter is an unbelievable wonderland. And there's no better way to enjoy it all than on a snowmobile. From the geysers and animals in Yellowstone to the deep powder snow of the surrounding national forest, it's a feast for your eyes and senses. Come. Enjoy.

GARRY WUNDERWALD

LOCATION

West Yellowstone is the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park, located on Montana's southern border near Wyoming and Idaho. Fly into Bozeman. Convenient daily bus service available for the 90-mile drive through beautiful Gallatin Canyon.

SEASON

Yellowstone National Park is open to snowmobile traffic (no automobiles allowed except for short northern routes) from mid-December through early March. Snowmobiling in the surrounding national forests is available earlier and later.

TOTAL AREA

Snowmobiles are permitted only on groomed trails within Yellowstone's 3,400 square miles. In the national forests, riding is allowed both on and off trails on additional thousands of square miles.

TRAILS

Yellowstone National Park has more than 200 miles of well-marked and patrolled trails. An additional 250 miles outside of the park in Montana interconnect with hundreds of miles groomed by the state of Idaho.

GUIDE SERVICE

Full-day starting at $200 per guide per day.

INSTRUCTION

Non-snowmobilers are encouraged to come! Machine operation is simple. Full instruction given to each person renting a snowmobile.

VACATION PACKAGES

Full snowmobile packages, beginning day of your choice, include lodging, use of snowmobile, guide service, rental snowmobile clothing and one prime rib dinner. Packages start at four nights/three days. For reservations, contact your travel agent or Yellowstone Tour & Travel.

LODGING

Comfortable accommodations in West Yellowstone at The West Yellowstone Conference Hotel and Three Bear Lodge/Restaurant. Fully carpeted rooms feature color/cable television, room phones and full baths, some with in-room jacuzzis. Each property has whirlpools and swimming pool.

DAILY SNOWMOBILE RENTALS

We have a wide selection of rental snowmobiles featuring Arctic Cat, Yamaha and Polaris. Choose from 15 different models, from standard through high performance. Machines are equipped with handwarmers and many with luggage racks. Our wide selection allows guests to choose the model that fits their budget on either a single- or double-riding machine. Discounts (except holiday periods) offered to guests having a valid ski lift ticket from any Montana ski area. Daily round-trip bus service operates from Big Sky Ski Resort, 50 miles north. Snowmobile suit, boots, gloves, helmet and stocking pullover face mask at $17 per day. All rates subject to 3 percent tax.

YELLOWSTONE TOUR & TRAVEL

SNOWCOACH TOURING

New, heated 12-passenger vans have been converted to snowcoaches with skis instead of tires for smooth gliding over the snow. This is a great way to see Yellowstone, its animals and geological formations in winter. Bring cold-weather clothes and boots for brief walks to points of interest and to lunch breaks at restaurants. Trips are available to Old Faithful and to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

YELLOWSTONE TOUR & TRAVEL
P.O. Box 410
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
800-221-1151 or 406-646-9310

BIG WESTERN PINE MOTEL

Every season presents a new Yellowstone to be explored and enjoyed. Sightseeing, fishing, horseback riding, boating and river rafting in the summer. Snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snowcoach and dog sledding excitement in the winter. Spectacular colors in the fall and the magical rebirth of spring.

Explore the wonderland of Yellowstone and come to your home away from home at the Big Western Pine. Comfortable beds, phones, cable TV and tub/shower combinations provide relaxing evening accommodations. (Kitchenettes are available.) Play in the large heated pool in the summer or indulge in a long soak in the hot tub year-round.

The Rustler's Roost Restaurant will tempt your appetite with wild game entrees and just plain good cooking. Spectacular mountain views add to your dining pleasure. Enjoy the pleasant decor and cocktails at the Rustler's Roost Lounge for just that extra bit of relaxation.

Think of us when planning your snowmobile or snowcoach getaway, or when you're looking for the excitement of a dog sled ride. We offer new snowmobiles every season, clothing, guide service and complete snowmobile packages.

Open year-round, the Big Western Pine is located in West Yellowstone at the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

BIG WESTERN PINE MOTEL
P.O. Box 67
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
800-646-7622 or 406-646-7622
Fax 406-646-9443

DOUBLE ARROW RESORT

The Main Lodge, overlooking a spacious meadow, offers a spectacular view of both the Mission Mountains to the east and the Swan Range to the west. Snowmobile right from your cozy room or cabin and enjoy easy access to more than 300 miles of groomed snowmobile trails. Rentals available.

Ski across the meadow and through our scenic golf course on groomed trails. Rentals available.

Dog sled rides offer you the chance to be a "musher" for a day. Ride in the sled. Feel the spirit of the huskies.

Horse-drawn sleighs pull up to the front door of the Main Lodge and invite you on a picturesque ride "over the river and through the woods."

After a hard day at play, enjoy a leisurely swim in our pool or soak in the jacuzzi. Sit by the fire and enjoy a drink from our full-service lounge.

Seasons Restaurant offers fine dining in a warm, friendly atmosphere.

Summer activities include golf, horseback rides, tennis, horseshoes, volleyball, hiking and watercraft rentals on Seeley Lake.

Double Arrow Resort offers a variety of lodging options–rooms in the Main Lodge, rooms in cabins and two full-sized lodges.

Experience the ultimate Montana winter vacation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

DOUBLE ARROW RESORT
P.O. Box 747
Seeley Lake, MT 59868
800-468-0777
Fax 406-677-2922

NEAL & MARY JANE MISHLER

GRIZZLY DISCOVERY CENTER

Majestic grizzly bears and elusive gray wolves are rare sights in Yellowstone National Park. The Grizzly Discovery Center offers visitors a chance to view grizzlies and brown bears as well as a pack of gray wolves in naturalistic habitats. The Grizzly Discovery Center strives to educate the public about bear and wolf behavior, biology and human/bear/wolf conflicts. A portion of each ticket and gift sale goes to the International Grizzly Fund, which sponsors conservation programs for wild bears.

Inside the Center, a visitor may watch a number of films about bears, wolves and other wildlife. Children will enjoy listening to educational messages, placing their hands in the "feel box," and discovering a sleeping bear in a walk-in den!

Outside the Center, guests may observe and photograph the bears and wolves in their respective habitats. The habitats contain running streams, ponds, rocks, trees and deadfall. The bears, as well as the wolf pack, display behaviors similar to those in the wild. The Center is open all year, so winter visitors can watch the animals frolic and play in the snow. Admission prices are effective all day so one can return at any time to view a different group of bears. Staff members present informational talks near the viewing areas about problem bears, bear attacks, habitat, diet, Native mythology, wolf reintroduction, biological issues of pack behaviors and other fascinating topics.

For an animal enthusiast wanting to learn more about the elusive predators of the Yellowstone ecosystem, the Grizzly Discovery Center provides a rare opportunity to not only observe live bears and wolves, but also to learn about their behaviors, history and potential future.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

GRIZZLY DISCOVERY CENTER
203 S. Canyon
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
800-257-2570 or 406-646-7001
Fax 406-646-7004

RENDEZVOUS SNOWMOBILE RENTALS CITY CENTER MOTEL

Rendezvous Snowmobile Rentals, Inc./City Center Motel are your headquarters for a fun-filled winter vacation to Yellowstone! Come and see our area at its most majestic time of year.

We are in the heart of West Yellowstone. Snowmobile right from our front door to the park entrance, or enjoy hundreds of miles of groomed trails outside the park boundaries. Stay at our two-diamond, AAA-rated motel with new rooms, hot tub and party room.

We have brand new Polaris snowmobiles every season with a wide range of models to accommodate all types of riders from the pros to the first-timer. Rendezvous Snowmobiles has the combination for you. Complete clothing packages are available as well. Don't forget to ask about our group, off-season and skier discounts!

Give us a call and let our friendly and experienced staff help you plan a winter getaway you will never forget! No hassles. No worries. Guaranteed!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

RENDEZVOUS SNOWMOBILE RENTALS
429 Yellowstone Avenue
P.O. Box 580
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
800-426-7669 or 406-646-9564
Fax 406-646-9353

THE 320 GUEST RANCH

The 320 Guest Ranch flanks US 191 and the Gallatin River 12 miles south of Big Sky Ski Resort and four miles north of the Yellowstone National Park boundary. It is surrounded by some of the most spectacular scenery in North America. Ranch terrain, ranging from broad meadows to snowcapped mountains, make it a natural for all winter snow sports.

Uniquely located a stone's throw from Yellowstone National Park and minutes from Big Sky Ski area, The 320 Guest Ranch has everything it takes to provide a memorable stay in an authentic Western atmosphere. Charming accommodations styled within the rustic history and tradition of the Ranch include deluxe one-room log units to three-bedroom log homes, convention and group facilities and fine dining services.

Relax in a jacuzzi, enjoy a delicious meal in a warm and cozy dining room, cross-country ski right out your front door, take the shuttle to the ski slopes or your snowmobile to the top of the world. At The 320 Guest Ranch, winter is an endless vacation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

THE 320 GUEST RANCH
205 Buffalo Horn Creek
Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730
800-243-0320 or 406-995-4283
Fax 406-995-4694
Internet address: http:/www.gomontana.com/Business/320Ranch/ranch.html

SUMMIT SEEKERS RENTALS ❄ SKY HIGH GUIDED TOURS LEEPERS MOTEL

Snowmobile right through town to the trails on a sporty SKI-DOO® Snowmobile. Clothing rental also available, furnished by Summit Seekers Rentals, Inc. Play in the powder, enjoy spectacular scenery, watch wildlife and savor a hot lunch on the trail with your personal, licensed guide from Sky High Guided Tours, Inc. Later, relax over dinner at your choice of several restaurants before sliding into a steamy hot tub or toasty sauna to soothe those trail-sore muscles at your cozy accommodations at Leepers Motel. Refreshed by a quiet night's rest under the pines, share a continental breakfast before leaving Leepers for another day of fun.

At 4,500 ft. elevation, Lincoln is nestled in the Rocky Mountain's pine-forested Blackfoot River Valley, bordered by the spectacular Bob Marshall & Scapegoat Wilderness areas. With more than 250 miles of groomed trails and limitless play areas, Lincoln is truly a snowmobiler's dream, welcoming sledders from beginner to expert. Riders often snowmobile the entire day without seeing another person. Rugged Stonewall Mountain, at 8,270 ft., boasts panoramic views. McDonald Meadows offers wide, open terrain, often with awesome powder. The scenic Huckleberry Pass trail is a tree-trimmed, winter wonderland with numerous play areas. The list goes on, with something different and exciting around every curve.

Join your hosts, Leepers Motel, Sky High Guided Tours and Summit Seekers Rentals for a winter getaway you'll always remember! Mention this ad for 10% off your custom package.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

SUMMIT SEEKERS RENTALS, INC.
P.O. Box 487, Lincoln, MT 59639
406-362-4078
Fax 406-362-4621

RODNEY SCHLECHT

WEST YELLOWSTONE CONFERENCE HOTEL/ HOLIDAY INN SUNSPREE RESORT

Just minutes from the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park, The West Yellowstone Conference Hotel/Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort is the area's newest and most luxurious resort and conference facility.

It's the ideal headquarters for winter adventures in Yellowstone, offering complete snowmobile and clothing rentals, snowcoach tours and friendly, knowledgeable staff. All rentals are current model-year machines and come equipped with handwarmers. Rental/lodging packages are available.

The hotel offers 123 rooms, including luxurious King Spa Suites, family suites and disabled-accessible rooms. All rooms feature mini-fridges, microwaves, coffee makers and hairdryers. Guests also enjoy an indoor pool, exercise room, sauna and whirlpool.

Built to capture the turn-of-the-century elegance of park accommodations, the hotel has restored the old 1903 Executive Car which once brought well-heeled visitors to the park on the Oregon Short Line Railroad. Old 1903 sits in all of its original elegance and glory to welcome you to the Oregon Short Line Restaurant and the Iron Horse Saloon. The restaurant, noted for its succulent Western cuisine and the lively saloon form the heart of the West Yellowstone Conference Hotel's warm, Old Yellowstone ambiance.

The hotel also offers complete conference and meeting facilities. Pre- or post-conference tours of Yellowstone National Park and the surrounding area are a specialty.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

THE WEST YELLOWSTONE CONFERENCE HOTEL/HOLIDAY INN SUNSPREE RESORT
315 Yellowstone Avenue,
P.O. Box 459
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
800-646-7365 or 406-646-7365
or 800-HOLIDAY
Fax 406-646-4433

YAAK RIVER LODGE IN NORTHWEST MONTANA

Snowmobiling from the Yaak River Lodge is uncrowded, untamed and unmatched. The Yaak River area includes the 2.2-million-acre Kootenai National Forest and is dominated by the Purcell Mountain Range, where peaks average 5,000-7,000 feet. Mountains extend in all directions accessed by forest roads that crisscross the area. From December 1 to March 1, you can snowmobile from the Lodge one mile to the Pete Creek Trail System.

There isn't an abundance of groomed trails (about 50 miles) but there are miles of ungroomed trails from easy to difficult. From Buckhorn Ridge (6,177 ft.), which straddles the Montana/Idaho border, snowmobilers can access the Deer Creek and the Canuck Basin in Idaho. Side trips include Hawkins Lake to view the international border and Canadian Rockies. Upper Hawkins Lake sits in the shadow of rugged Northwest Peak, the highest point in northwest Montana.

The modern lodge offers all conveniences, first-class food, sauna and hot tub and combines this "home away from home comfort" with the majesty of the local wildlife and wilderness setting. The lodge offers eight private rooms with baths and a dorm that sleeps eight. Bring your own sled, or rentals available. Guided tours offered for all levels including safety instruction. The Lodge is located 40 miles from Troy. Special group rates from December 1 to March 31.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

YAAK RIVER LODGE
27744 Yaak River Road
Troy, MT 59935
800-676-5670

WAYNE MUMFORD

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

THE MONTANA EXPERIENCE IS AS REWARDING AS EACH VISITOR MAKES IT. HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO MAKE YOUR TRIP MORE ENJOYABLE AND ASSURE A QUALITY EXPERIENCE FOR FUTURE VISITORS. ❄ HELP PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE BY LEAVING GHOST TOWNS, MINING CAMPS AND OTHER HISTORICAL ATTRACTIONS INTACT. THE ONLY THINGS THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN FROM THESE SITES ARE YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS. ❄ RESPECT THE RIGHTS AND PROPERTY OF OTHERS. ALWAYS GET PERMISSION BEFORE ENTERING PRIVATE LAND. ❄ DISPOSE OF TRASH PROPERLY. ❄ FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THEIRS, ENJOY WILDLIFE FROM A DISTANCE. ❄ WE'RE KNOWN FOR OUR FRIENDLINESS. RESPECT OUR TRADITIONS, CUSTOMS AND LOCAL ORDINANCES AND WE'LL KEEP SMILING. ❄ SUPPORT OUR ECONOMY; LOOK FOR THE MADE IN MONTANA LABEL WHEN YOU SHOP.

LODGING / SERVICES

ADVENTURE SKI GUIDES

Montana Powder Guides. Specializing in extreme adventure and powder snow gravity sports, we're the state's premier ski guiding operation. Skiers or boarders of all ages are challenged and delighted by what they ski and see. 15 miles north of Bozeman and only 60 minutes from Big Sky. Amenities include ski to/from vacation homes adjacent to ski runs at Bridger Bowl. Heli or snowcat available for backcountry excursions. Ski action photography service offered to guided clients. 15792 Bridger Canyon Rd., Bozeman, MT 59715, Phone & Fax 406-587-3096.

CAR RENTALS

BIG SKY

Budget Rent-A-Car. Our location at Big Sky Ski and Summer Resort offers a large variety of current model cars, minivans, 4 x 4 sport utility vehicles, 4 x 4 Suburbans and 15-passenger vans. Also for your convenience, you can rent your vehicle when you step off the airplane at the Bozeman International Airport. Give us a call today at 406-388-4091 or 800-95BUDGET to reserve your vehicle of choice. We look forward to serving you!

BILLINGS

Thrifty Car Rental. Locally owned and operated with variety of current-year vehicles. Standard sizes (compact through full-size) and specialty vehicles: 4 x 4's, minivans, pick-ups and 15-passenger vans. Ski racks available. Courtesy phone at airport minimizes hassles upon arrival with complimentary shuttle and luggage handling. Open seven days a week. Exceptional service and a memorable vacation awaits you in Montana. 1144 N. 27th St., Billings, MT 59101. 800-699-1025 or 406-259-1025.

BOZEMAN

Budget Rent-A-Car. We are conveniently located in the Bozeman Airport, right next to the baggage claim area. We live up to our name with low rates by the day, week or longer. Budget Rent-A-Car features current model cars, minivans, 15-passenger vans, 4 x 4 sport utility vehicles and 4 x 4 Suburbans. Ski racks and infant seats available upon request. Our friendly staff is waiting to serve you. Please call 406-388-4091 or 800-95BUDGET.

Thrifty Car Rental. Providing you the means to explore some of Montana's legendary sites. Variety of current-year vehicles including specialty vehicles: 4 x 4's, minivans, pick-ups and 15-passenger vans. Ski racks available. Courtesy phone at airport minimizes hassles upon arrival with complimentary shuttle and luggage handling. Open seven days a week. Quality vehicles and friendly smiles will get you on the roads of Montana. 21000 Frontage Rd., St. 500, Belgrade, MT 59714, 800-699-1025 or 406-388-3484.

SALVATORE VASAPOLLI

RANCHES/RESORTS

Fairmont Hot Springs. Just 30 miles east of Discovery Basin is Montana's favorite family resort. Affordable rates plus all the amenities. After a day on the slopes, indulge in all that makes Fairmont so inviting–dining room, coffee shop, lounge with live entertainment, massage studio, two Olympic-sized pools and two soaking pools all filled with natural hot springs water, plus a 350-foot water slide. Reservations: 1500 Fairmont Rd., Anaconda, MT 59711, 800-332-3272.

Meadow Lake Resort. Centrally located between Glacier National Park and The Big Mountain. Daily comp ski shuttle. Minutes to snowmobile trailhead. Luxury inn, condos and villas, pools and spas, fitness and recreation center, restaurant and lounge, golf course for cross-country skiing, ice skating, children's activities, meeting facilities. Airport (FCA) and Amtrak shuttle. 100 St. Andrews Drive, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, 800-321-4653, Fax 406-892-0330, E-mail: mdwlake@fcva.org; www.digisys.net/meadowlake

Triple Creek Ranch. Become snowbound in this couples-only, peaceful mountain setting, where you can experience world-class service in a romantic atmosphere. Rates include meals, drinks, horseback riding, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Close to downhill skiing. Enjoy a hot drink in front of the fireplace after a rigorous day of outdoor activities. Eighteen accommodations range from cozy cabins to luxury cabins with indoor whirlpool or private outdoor hot tub. 5551 West Fork Rt., Darby, MT 59829, 406-821-4600, Fax 406-821-4666.

LODGING

BIG SKY

Best Western Buck's T-4. A warm, welcoming blaze in the stone hearth, big game trophies and antique sporting gear hint at Buck's T-4's beginnings as a hunting and fishing lodge. Richly-appointed guest rooms and two giant outdoor jacuzzis make Buck's T-4 the right place at the right price for your next winter vacation! Just minutes from the Big Sky Ski Area and Gallatin National Forest snowmobile trailheads. Kids 10 and under stay and ski free all winter! 20%–40% discounts on lodging and lift packages. Check out our web site at http://www.omix.com/ami/sites/bigsky/bucks.html. Call 800-822-4484 for reservations, or E-mail to buckst4@mcn.net.

Big Sky Central Reservations. The deluxe slope-side accommodations of Huntley Lodge and Shoshone Condominium Hotel are the cornerstone of Big Sky Resort. Choose from numerous condominiums as well. Swimming pools, jacuzzis, health club, gift shops, massage therapy. Ask about Big Sky's Great Ski Weeks. Packages as low as $248 per person, double occupancy, 4 nights/3 days. Call 406-995-5000 or 800-548-4486.

Big Sky Chalet Rentals. Large selection of accommodations for the most intimate party to the largest ski group. We also have two four-bedroom condos side by side, only one-half mile from the slopes, for large groups. Some condos available with hot tub, sauna, swimming pool. Many locations. We take the time to help you plan your vacation. 800-845-4428 or 406-995-2665.

Big Sky Condominium Management. Our friendly staff will work with you to arrange the best accommodations to suit your needs and budget. Our properties range from economy studios and lofts with full kitchens, cable TV and telephones to luxury log condos and homes, complete with private jacuzzis, wood decks, fireplaces and spectacular views. P.O. Box 160056, Big Sky, MT 59716, 800-831-3509, Fax 406-995-2109.

Golden Eagle Management. The biggest rental selection of condominiums, homes and chalets at affordable rates. Mountain accommodations range from budget studios to deluxe four-bedroom ski-in/ski-out chalets with private hot tubs. Meadow Village offers shuttles to the lifts and a variety of one- to five-bedroom condos and furnished homes. Discounts available on airfares and car rentals. P.O. Box 160008, Big Sky, MT 59716, 800-548-4488, Fax 406-995-2447 (USA & Canada).

River Rock Lodging. River Rock Lodging at Big Sky blends the rustic influences of the Rocky Mountain West with modern amenities. Located 45 miles south of the Bozeman airport, Big Sky's premier lodging facility is the ideal location for your next winter vacation. Enjoy alpine and Nordic skiing, sleighrides, dog sledding, snowmobiling and Yellowstone National Park. River Rock offers beautifully appointed rooms, suites, meeting facilities and distinctive meadow, mountain and ski-in, ski-out condominiums and homes. P.O. Box 160700, Big Sky, MT 59716, 800-995-9966, Fax 995-2727.

Triple Creek Realty & Management. The best of Big Sky! Simply outstanding, competitively priced studio to five-bedroom condominiums for a perfect ski vacation. From our exquisite ski-in/ski-out Beaverhead and Arrowhead condominiums with three- to four-bedrooms/baths and in-house jacuzzis, to the completely redecorated Stillwater studios, the finest accommodations are

guaranteed. In-house jacuzzis or recreation centers, fireplaces, cable TV and superb service! Discounted airfares available. P.O. Box 160219, Big Sky, MT 59716, 800-548-4632, Fax 406-995-2393.

The 320 Guest Ranch. A full-service Western resort on the Gallatin River, offering deluxe accommodations from one-room cabins to three-bedroom homes. The ranch offers sleighrides, Nordic skiing, winter trail rides and snowmobiling. Shuttle service to and from Big Sky Ski Resort. Outstanding food and warm Western hospitality are 320 trademarks, we are proud to offer a unique first-class Western experience to our guests. Full package plan available as well as nightly rates. Twelve miles south of Big Sky. Reservations: 800-243-0320 or 406-995-4283.

BOZEMAN

Best Western Grantree Inn. Located just off the interstate, a short 15-minute drive from Bridger Bowl and a 45-minute drive to Big Sky Ski Resort. Offering true Montana hospitality with full-service dining, lounge and casino, indoor pool and jacuzzi, laundry facility, plus 103 comfort-filled rooms. Special ski rates offered. Shuttle service to Bridger Bowl. For reservations or information, call 800-624-5865.

Bridger Bowl. Bridger Bowl offers a 12-month reservation service to all out-of-town skiers. On-mountain lodges, private homes, condominiums and bed & breakfast inns are available for rent on a limited basis. Many are ski-accessible from the mountain. Reservations and ski package programs are available with many fine motels and bed & breakfast inns in Bozeman, just 20 minutes from Bridger Bowl. Shuttle $5/round trip. 800-223-9609 (USA & Canada) or 406-586-1518.

Holiday Inn-Bozeman. Bozeman's finest! Fifteen minutes from world-class skiing at Bridger Bowl and 45 minutes from Big Sky, Holiday Inn features Bozeman's finest accommodations and is convenient to Yellowstone snowmobiling and winter touring. The hotel features 178 deluxe rooms, large indoor pool, relaxing jacuzzi, exercise room, game room, complimentary airport transportation, large sunken lobby with fireplace, Cantrell's Restaurant and Lounge and meeting facilities. Ski packages available. 5 Baxter Lane, Bozeman, MT 59715, 800-366-5101 or 406-587-4561, Fax 406-587-4413.

Howlers Inn Bed and Breakfast/Wolf Sanctuary. Impressive log and stone home with spacious bedrooms (K & Q), mountain views, full private baths, TVs, VCRs, refrigerators and microwaves. Full breakfast. Two-bedroom guesthouse with kitchen, living room and fireplace. Enjoy sauna, hot tub, pool table, air hockey, big screen TV and workout area. Certified in-house massage therapist and fitness trainer. Near Bridger Bowl. No pets or smoking. Shuttle available. 3185 Jackson Creek Rd., Bozeman, MT 59715; 406-586-0304.

Intermountain Real Estate & Property Management. Southwestern Montana Guest Homes. Executive Mountain Retreats. Located near Bridger Bowl and Big Sky. We have several unique guest homes available. Plan ahead for '96–'97 winter skiing or fishing fun. Prices vary. Call 800-685-7196. 611 W. Main, Bozeman, MT 59715, 406-586-1503 (4075).

Silver Forest Inn. The Silver Forest Inn is nestled into the pines at the base of the spectacular Bridger Range in southcentral Montana. The Inn is just minutes from excellent alpine ski slopes and cross-country trails...and central to many of Montana's rivers, parks and other natural wonders. Our fully restored, historic log-hewn home features six charming, country-style guest rooms, hot tubs and delicious breakfasts, along with our warm Western hospitality. 15325 Bridger Canyon Rd., Bozeman, MT 59715, 406-586-1882.

COLUMBIA FALLS

Abbott Valley Homestead. Experience Montana's winter on our 250-acre homestead, surrounded by meadows and forest. We are centrally located between Columbia Falls and West Glacier for your winter activity. Our guest houses were built by the people who settled this area. We have renovated this heritage to create a home for your vacation. Daily, weekly or monthly rates. Martin City, MT 59926, 406-387-5330, Fax 406-387-5457.

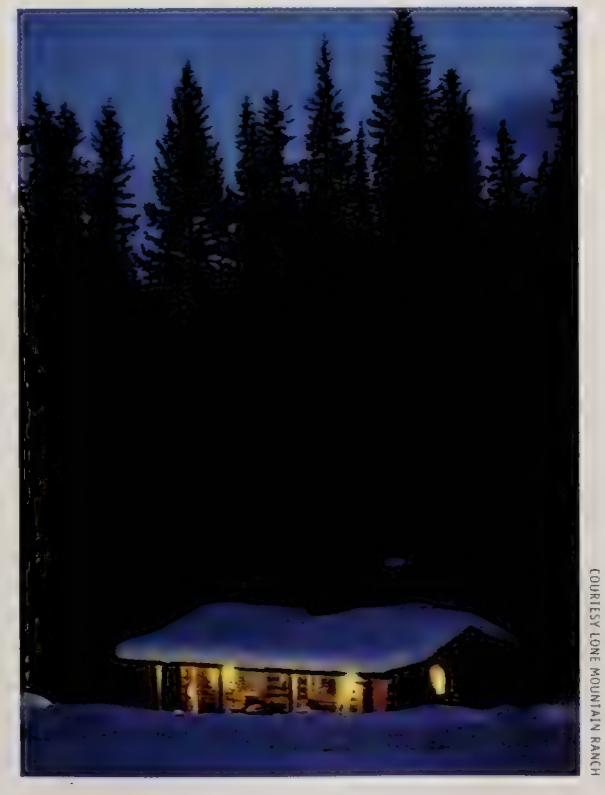
Lakefront Cabins. Cozy cabins located one mile from Canyon Creek trailhead. Snowmobile from your cabin door to the top of Big Mountain! Whether you want to snowshoe, ski, hike, hunt, fish, bicycle, or just get away from it all, we have the ultimate spot. Remote, peaceful setting on Spoon Lake, yet just 10 minutes from town. Each cabin furnished with two twin beds, microwave, refrigerator and private bath. Hot tub on outdoor deck. These are smoke free cabins. 894 Lake Dr., Columbia Falls, MT 59912, 406-387-5391, Fax 406-387-5391.

COOKE CITY

High Country Motel. Twelve units open in the winter, including three cabins, nine motel rooms (four with kitchenettes, one with fireplace). Snowmobile and cross-country ski right from your front door. Fifty-two miles of groomed trails, lots of snow from November to April. P.O. Box 1146, US 212, Cooke City, MT 59020, 406-838-2272.

CORAM

A Wild Rose Bed & Breakfast. Six miles from spectacular Glacier Park. Luxurious accommodations, tranquil mountain setting. Immaculate and richly detailed rooms, lavish amenities. Elegant Victorian whirlpool suite. Hearty gourmet breakfasts. Dinners available by arrangement. Total pampering with therapeutic spa and massage. A paradise for winter activities with millions of acres of public lands for cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and snowshoeing. Downhill skiing at The Big Mountain. 10280 US 2 E, Coram, MT 59913, Phone and Fax 406-387-4900.



COURTESY LONE MOUNTAIN RANCH

GARDINER

Comfort Inn-Yellowstone North. Located at the North Entrance to Yellowstone Park. Gardiner offers many activities to our visitors, summer or winter. Fishing, rafting, horseback and bike riding in the summer to cross-country skiing and snowmobiling on the many groomed trails inside the Park. Our facility is a log structure motel with spacious rooms and rustic log furniture. Jacuzzi and family suites, cable TV, outdoor hot tubs and conference room available. Enjoy a continental breakfast in our Great Hall with a player baby grand piano. P.O. Box 268, Gardiner, MT 59030. 800-228-8150 or phone or Fax 406-848-7536.

Yellowstone Village Inn. North Entrance to Yellowstone National Park, the only year-round entrance. Great view of Roosevelt Arch and the park. Three family condos, 43 spacious rooms (smoking/non-smoking) with queen beds, phones and cable TV, indoor heated pool, sauna and laundry. Snowmobile and cross-country ski rentals available. Guided ski and snowcoach tours into Yellowstone Park. Dinner Theater. Reasonable, discounted winter rates. AAA-approved. P.O. Box 297, Gardiner, MT 59030, 800-228-8158 or 406-848-7417, Fax 406-848-7418.

GLACIER PARK VICINITY

Polebridge Mercantile and Cabins. Bordering the Wild and Scenic Flathead River between magnificent Glacier National Park and the forested Whitefish Range. $1^1/4$ miles to Glacier Park entrance. Rustic cabins available year-round. Ski, snowmobile, canoe, fish and bike in pristine wilderness area. Mercantile is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Groceries, gas, gifts, fresh coffee and baked goods, fishing licenses, tackle. P.O. Box 280042, Polebridge, MT 59928, 406-888-5105.

GREAT FALLS

Holiday Inn Great Falls. Seven-story atrium hotel, 163 newly remodeled sleeping rooms, indoor pool, jacuzzi, sauna. Philly's restaurant, casino and lounge. Full convention center for up to 450 people. Airport shuttle, walking distance to malls. Located midway between Showdown and Rocky Mountain Hi ski areas. Group rates available. Kids eat, stay and play free! 400 10th Ave. South, Great Falls, MT 59405. 800-257-1998 (US & Canada), 800-626-8009 (MT), 406-727-7200.

HAMILTON

Hamilton Super 8. Two jacuzzi suites, outside outlets, coffee, juice and toast. Just 45 minutes to Lost Trail Powder Mountain, Chief Joseph cross-country trails and Lost Trail Hot Springs. Snowmobiling nearby. Free local calls, 20-person capacity meeting room and 24-hour desk. 1325 N. 1st, Hamilton, MT 59840, 800-800-8000 or 406-363-2940, Fax 406-363-2940.

LODGING / SERVICES

HAUGAN

Silver $ Inn. This 40-room motel boasts exceptionally clean rooms, satellite TV, and the back door opens to the snowmobile trail. Snowmobile rentals and package deals available. Restaurant, casinos, gift shop, 24-hour convenience store and fuel stop all on premises. Rates start at $44. Grooming program rivals the best, accessing over 1000 miles. Winter recreation opportunities are endless. Exit 16, I-90 in Haugan, MT 59842. 800-531-1968.

KALISPELL

Aero Inn. Ideal for skiers and snowmobilers looking for clean, comfortable, affordable accommodations. An easy drive to The Big Mountain as well as to several cross-country and snowmobile areas. Beautiful indoor pool, jacuzzi and sauna, free continental breakfast, no charge for local calls. $34/person/night. Group rates, lift tickets and snowmobile packages available. 1830 US 93 S, Kalispell, 59901, 800-843-6114 (USA & Canada) or 406-755-3798, Fax 406-752-1304.

Best Western Outlaw Inn. Ahhh! Kick back and relax in the comfort of "New West" hospitality. Splash in our indoor pools, soak in our jacuzzis, then dine at the famous Hennessey's restaurant. Centrally located accommodations feature 220 attractive rooms, fitness center, mini-casino, lounge and an incredibly friendly staff ready to serve you. Ask about ski and snowmobile packages and the complimentary shuttle to the slopes. 1710 US 93 S, Kalispell, MT 59901, 800-237-7445 or 406-755-6100, Fax 406-756-8994.

Lakeside Resort Motel. Ten motel rooms on west side of Flathead Lake (four new units with deck facing the lake) and eight family cottages. Property includes 155 ft. of waterfront, dock and boat ramp. Perfect for weddings and family reunions. All rooms have telephones, refrigerators, cable TV and microwaves. Hot tub outside. Blacktail cross-country skiing 10 miles away. Winter rates. P.O. Box 293, Lakeside, MT 59922. Reservations: 800-348-4822, 406-844-3570, Fax 406-844-2265.

MISSOULA

4B's Inn & Conference Center. 158 rooms in two locations to serve your Missoula lodging needs. Our north location is the closest motel to Snowbowl Ski Area. Take advantage of our great hot tub and solarium areas. 4B's Conference Center has eight meeting rooms; the largest will accommodate 225. We offer special rates for skiers and snowmobilers. We are surrounded by many entertainment and dining choices. Call 800-272-9500 for reservations and snow report.

Holiday Inn Missoula-Parkside. Beautiful full service hotel located on the banks of the Clark Fork River in downtown Missoula. Indoor pool, weight room. Superb restaurant. Room service, lounge, jogging and walking trails adjacent. Full conference facilities for 350. 200 S. Pattee St., Missoula, MT 59802, Reservations: 800-399-0408 or 406-721-8550, Fax 406-728-3472.

DONNIE SEXTON

Rodeway Inn Southgate. Fifteen miles from Snowbowl lift, three blocks from the mall. Surrounded by restaurants, casinos and entertainment. Hot tub, exercise room, cable TV/HBO, free continental breakfast, airport shuttle. Ski packages are available, including lodging and lift tickets. 3530 Brooks St., Missoula, MT 59801. Reservations: 800-247-2616 (USA & Canada), Fax 406-251-2006.

Super 8 Motel-Brooks Street. Forty minutes from Snowbowl Ski Area. Closest motel in Missoula to Blue Mountain (5 miles), snowmobiling and to Lolo Pass (45 minutes) cross-country skiing. Toast and pastry bar, outside outlets. Many restaurants nearby. Airport shuttle. Winter packages available. 3901 S. Brooks, 800-800-8000 or 406-251-2255, Fax 406-251-2989.

Super 8 Motel-Reserve Street. Just 20 minutes from Snowbowl Ski Area. Toast and pastry bar, hot tub, outside outlets, elevator. Triple unit and suite with in-room jet tub available. McDonald's, 4B's, Joker's Wild restaurants within one block. Winter packages available. 4703 N. Reserve, Missoula, MT 59802, 800-800-8000 or 406-549-1199. Fax 406-549-0677.

NEIHART

Showdown Ski Area. The ski area offers lessons, rentals, day care and food service on the mountain. For our new Lodging & Activity Guide, call 800-433-0022. Great packages are available.

RED LODGE

Best Western LuPine Inn. Located six blocks from historic downtown Red Lodge and six miles from Red Lodge Mountain. We offer many amenities to make your stay enjoyable, including indoor pool, spa, sauna, exercise equipment, game room with indoor playground, guest laundry, meeting room, kitchenettes, in-room spas and remote cable TV. Guest houses available. Owner-operated. 702 S. Hauser, P.O. Box 30, Red Lodge, MT 59068, 406-446-1321, Fax 406-446-1465.

Pitcher Guest Houses. Old-fashioned ambiance with homey atmosphere. Victorian four-bedroom, circa 1905; newer three-bedroom log townhouse. Both completely furnished: two baths, cable TV, laundry facilities, telephone, dishwasher, microwave, wood-burning stove and more. Two cozy one-bedroom, three-room log cabins with cable TV, telephone and kitchen. These are non-smoking houses. P.O. Box 3450, Red Lodge, MT 59068, 406-446-2859.

Red Lodge Central Reservations. We make it easy! With one call doing it all, we can make arrangements for discounted airfare, lodging, lift tickets, ski rentals, ski school–you name it! We specialize in custom-designed packages to suit your needs. Nobody knows Red Lodge like we do. Group packages also available. Call 800-444-8977.

Red Lodging. Enjoy the finest in fully furnished, affordable guest home lodging. No one else offers you distinctive, beautiful Victorian homes, creekside cabins, golf course townhomes, cottages and historic farmhouses. With amenities like jacuzzis, stone fireplaces, private ponds and easy access to Red Lodge Mountain and Yellowstone, we have your perfect vacation home. For rates, information and reservations. 16 1/2 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 1477, Red Lodge, MT 59068. 406-446-1272, 800-6-RED LODGE.

Rock Creek Resort. Ten minutes from Red Lodge Mountain Ski Area. The resort combines comfortable lodging, Twin Elk Fine Collections and Old Piney Dell Restaurant to create the perfect ski holiday. Gracious accommodations, fine cuisine, indoor swimming, jacuzzi, sauna, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, mountain biking. Price range $82 to $250. Four miles south of Red Lodge on US 212, P.O. Box 3500, Red Lodge, MT 59068, 406-446-1111, Fax 406-446-3688.

The Pollard. Historic hotel in the heart of Red Lodge. Built in 1893, it offers a unique combination of turn-of-the-century character with a newly restored, charming decor. Only minutes away are downhill and cross-country skiing, shopping and the majestic Beartooth mountains. Full service dining room with an award-winning wine list, health club, hot tubs and saunas. Entirely non-smoking. Member of Historic Hotels of America. 2 North Broadway, Red Lodge, MT 59068. 406-446-0001 or 800-POLLARD, Fax 406-446-0002.

Super 8 Motel. Large indoor pool, indoor and outdoor hot tubs, cable TV, including Showtime, movie rentals, video games, meeting room, guest laundry, toast bar, large family rooms, jacuzzi rooms, kitchenettes available. Owner operated. 1223 S. Broadway, Red Lodge, MT 59068, 800-800-8000, 406-446-2288, Fax 446-3162.

Yodeler Motel. AAA-rated with large luxury rooms, outdoor hot tub, in-room steam baths and jacuzzi tubs, remote cable TV, direct-dial phones, in-room coffee, Red Lodge Airport courtesy car, honeymoon suite and kitchen unit, king and queen beds, special packages for groups and tours. Owner-operated with "sincere hospitality." Close to downtown and only 15 minutes from Red Lodge Ski Area. 601 S. Broadway, Red Lodge, MT 59068, 406-446-1435, Fax 446-1020, E-mail: Yodeler@wtp.net.

SEELEY LAKE

Double Arrow Resort. Nestled in the heart of the Seeley Swan Valley. Offers lodging, fine dining, golf, indoor pool/jacuzzi, access to more than 300 miles of groomed snowmobile trails, snowmobile rentals, cross-country skiing, dog sled rides, fabulous mountain views and breathtaking scenery. Whether you seek peace and quiet, a place for conferences and meetings or a place to play, we're here to meet your needs. P.O. Box 747, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 800-468-0777, Fax 406-677-2922.

The Emily A. Bed & Breakfast. Welcome home to a grand log lodge overlooking the Clearwater River and a private lake. The Emily has five guest rooms, a family suite and the original homestead cabin. Wake up rested to enjoy a fabulous breakfast served on grandmother's china, then explore our 160 acres. Rates from $95 to $150. P.O. Box 350, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 800-977-4639, 406-677-3474, Fax 406-677-3474.

Rich Ranch. Enjoy the warm hospitality of the Rich Family's Pinto Horse Guest Ranch. Lodge and cabins are nestled in the pines overlooking a large mountain meadow. Spacious cabin rooms include gas fireplace and private bath. Snowmobile from your cabin door (rentals available). Traditional horsedrawn sleighrides, cross-country skiing, outdoor hot tub and more. Lodging up to 20 guests. Color brochure: P.O. Box 495, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2317, Fax 406-677-3530.

Tamaracks Resort. Located on the beautiful north end of Seeley Lake, we offer quiet, cozy cabins, plus camping and RV sites. Snowmobile and ski right from your cabin to hundreds of miles of groomed trails in the winter, or enjoy mountain biking, canoe trips, boating, hiking, fishing, or just sunning on the beach in the summer. Rentals available. Take the vacation you deserve. P.O. Box 812, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 800-477-7216 or 406-677-2433.

Wapiti Resort Elkhorn Motel & Cafe. The restored "Olde Town" (at the original townsite of Seeley Lake) brings to life the Old West. Unique food and beverage catering in the Golden Garter Saloon. Private cabins with kitchenettes; motel rooms next to cafe. Snowmobile or cross-country ski from your door. Hwy 83 N, milepost 16, P.O. Box 565, Seeley Lake, MT 59868. 800-867-5678 or 406-677-2775, Fax 406-273-2640.

SULA

Camp Creek Inn Bed & Breakfast. Nine miles north of Lost Trail Powder Mountain downhill and cross-country ski area. Good snowmobiling nearby. Ski and Stay packages include hearty Western breakfast, room, or cabin with kitchen. 7674 US 93 S, Sula, MT 59871, 800-351-3508 or 406-821-3508.

Lost Trail Hot Springs Resort. Ski Lost Trail Powder Mountain and Chief Joseph cross-country ski trails just six miles from our resort in the Bitterroot Valley. Lodging in private cabins, motel, condo units with room for large groups. Restaurant, lounge/casino and store are in our alpine lodge. After a full day outdoors, relax in our natural hot spring pool and hot tub or enjoy a favorite beverage by the fireplace. 8321 US 93 S, Sula, MT 59871, 800-825-3574 or 406-821-3574.

WEST YELLOWSTONE

Bar N Ranch. A dream location for winter visitors: The only area ranch open in winter. Five miles west of West Yellowstone at Denny Creek, off Madison Arm Trail near Lionshead Loop and Hebgan Lake Road Trails. Miles of private trails on our heavenly 500 acres. Cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, dog sledding on site, or shuttle to Big Sky Ski Resort. Incredible views, privacy, wonderful home cooking and hospitality. Lovely rooms in lodge or wonderful private cabins/suites complete with fireplace. Fabulous Honeymoon Suite! From $75 per person per day, American Plan. For color brochure/reservations: 800-BIGSKYS or 406-646-7229, Fax 215-440-8390.

Big Western Pine Motel. Explore the wonderland of Yellowstone and come to your home away from home at The Big Western Pine. Enjoy our comfortable beds, phones, cable TV, hot tub and pool. Experience fine dining pleasure and relaxation at The Rustler's Roost Restaurant and Lounge. The Big Western Pine offers the best in snowmobile guide service and clothing rentals, snowcoach rides, and dog sledding. 234 Firehole, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-646-7622, 800-646-7622, Fax 406-646-9443.

City Center Motel. AAA-rated. Right in the center of town. Total renovation in 1992. Snowmobile rentals, gift shop, meeting room with deluxe kitchen, hot tub and big screen TV. Adjacent to two restaurants and lounge. Health club. Just three blocks from Yellowstone National Park West Entrance. Featuring Polaris snowmobiles. Major credit cards. 214 Madison Ave., P.O. Box 580, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 800-742-0665, Fax 406-646-7337.

Kelly Inn. Beautiful new three-story property located at the entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Our 78 large, comfortable guest rooms, decorated to embody the charm and character of Yellowstone Park. Some rooms are specialty suites with whirlpool tubs. Other features include indoor swimming pool, sauna, whirlpool, lobby fireplace and complimentary coffee. Restaurants and lounges nearby. The Kelly Inn is located near cross-country and downhill skiing and snowmobiling. 104 S. Canyon St., West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 800-259-4672, 406-646-4544, Fax 406-646-9838.

Pine Shadows Motel. Fourteen clean, comfortable units with phones, including two log cabins, kitchenettes in some units. Cable TV, ample parking, garage for light mechanics on snowmobiles. Snowmobile rental packages. Hosts: Blaine and Vickie Heaps. US 20 & Hayden Ave., P.O. Box 721, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 800-624-5291 or 406-646-7541, Fax 406-646-9647.

ROGER WADE

Roundup Motel/Dude Motor Inn. Just one block from the entrance to Yellowstone National Park, you can enjoy our new and newly remodeled rooms and rent a new Polaris snowmobile for your trip into Yellowstone Country. Relax in our indoor hot tubs after your day's ride. Lodging, snowmobiles and clothing are available at our comfortable motel. All of these can be organized into an affordable package. 3 Madison Ave., P.O. Box 709, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 800-833-7669, 406-646-7301, Fax 406-646-4261.

Stage Coach Inn. The best in West! Historic Western inn. Perfect atmosphere for any winter enthusiast. Award-winning lobby with fireplace. Attractive lodging with unique decor. Fine family dining. Lively lounge. Live and video poker. Hot tubs and sauna. Complete snowmobile (new, all types) and snowcoach packages. Easy access to groomed cross-country and snowmobile trails. Abundant territory to explore! 209 Madison Ave., P.O. Box 160, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 800-842-2882, 406-646-7381, Fax 406-646-9575.

Three Bear Lodge. Rebuilding and renovation program has been completed. Great rooms, coupled with the well known Three Bear Restaurant, Grizzly Lounge and a capable, friendly staff make Three Bear a natural. Complete facilities include two-room units, executive suites and rooms with king beds and jacuzzis, many no-smoking rooms, four heated whirlpools, outdoor heated pool and meeting/banquet facilities. Snowcoach, snowmobile and clothing rentals are headquartered here. 217 Yellowstone Ave., P.O. Box 519, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 800-646-7353, 406-646-7353, Fax 406-646-4567.

West Yellowstone Conference Hotel. A Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort. Area's most comfortable hotel is an oasis of hospitality, offering 123 rooms with mini-fridges and microwaves. King spa suites, indoor pool, sauna, whirlpool, exercise room. Complete conference facilities. Oregon Short Line Restaurant and Iron Horse Saloon are built around a turn-of-the-century railroad car. Complete snowmobile and clothing rentals, featuring all current model-year machines equipped with handwarmers. Rental/lodging packages available. 315 Yellowstone Ave., West Yellowstone, Montana. 800-646-7365, Fax 406-646-4433.

WHITEFISH

Alpinglow Inn. Spectacular views surround our haven of comfort and amenities. Closest to all the ski lifts and services on The Big Mountain, our 54 rooms are complemented by a glass-enclosed, full-service restaurant, two outdoor hot tubs and friendly, outgoing staff. All this at a reasonable price. Children 12 and under stay FREE (one child per adult). Meal plans and ski packages available. 3900 Big Mountain Rd., P.O. Box 1770, Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-754-6760, 406-862-6966, Fax 406-862-0076.

Bay Point Estates. Fully furnished condominiums with indoor pool, hot tubs and complete ski packages, including car. Family and group rates plus snowmobiling packages. Conveniently situated

on Whitefish Lake, between the resort town of Whitefish and The Big Mountain Ski Resort. Rental car waiting for you upon arrival at Amtrak or airport. P.O. Box 35, Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-327-2108, Phone/Fax 406-862-2331.

The Big Mountain Central Reservations. Plan your next vacation now. Reserve space in the Hibernation House, The Big Mountain Alpine Homes, Kandahar Lodge, Anapurna Properties, Kristianna Condos, or Edelweiss Condos. Most properties include ski-in/ski-out access, or ski in with a short walk or shuttle to the lifts. The Big Mountain is one of the greatest ski vacation values! With Ski Free programs offered in value seasons. Three-day/three-night packages start at $216 per person (double occupancy). 800-858-3913 or 406-862-1960.

Chalet Motel. AAA-rated. One mile south of downtown Whitefish, just eight miles from The Big Mountain. Ski shuttle. Queen beds, cable TV, large indoor pool and jacuzzi. Beautiful views of The Big Mountain from your room. $35-$60. Children under 12 stay free. Excellent ski packages. Denny's Restaurant on site, open 24 hours. Shopping mall across the street. 6430 US 93 S, Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-462-3266, Fax 406-862-5581.

Crestwood Resort Condominiums. One- and two- bedroom condominiums at the base of The Big Mountain. Our 24 units have all you'll need for a carefree vacation including fireplaces, complete kitchens, telephones and in-unit laundry facilities. Hot tubs and health club discounts help soak away the effects of a hard day at play. Plenty of parking for snow machine equipment. P.O. Box 1000, Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-862-7574. 406-862-7574, Fax 406-862-0491, E-mail: Crest@digisys.net.

Duck Inn Lodge. A lovely cedar lodge on the river's edge, just eight miles from the lifts. Ten beautiful rooms, all with fireplaces, large deep-soak tubs, cable TV, phones, queen beds and balconies. Redwood jacuzzi area. Continental breakfast included. Airport and Amtrak pickup. All-wheel-drive Ford cars and Explorers for rent at the Inn. Packages from $149 per person, double occupancy, includes lift tickets. 1305 Columbia Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937, Reservations only: 800-344-2377. Information and reservations: 406-862-3825.

Garden Wall Inn B & B. Chosen Best of the West by *Sunset Magazine* editors and subscribers. An impeccably restored 1920s house-turned-inn, offering just five bedrooms, each furnished with period antiques. Tranquility, privacy, warm hospitality, luxurious rooms and attentive service are our trademarks. Relax in a huge, claw-foot tub or sip sherry in front of a welcoming fire after an exhilarating day of skiing. Next morning, enjoy a scrumptious, three-course breakfast. $85-$115, double occupancy. Ski room, skier shuttle. 504 Spokane Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937, 406-862-3440. Internet address: http://www.wtp.net/go/montana/sites/gardenwall.html

Good Medicine Lodge. Named "One of America's Ten Top Romantic Inns" (Travel America Magazine, Sept. '95), this cozy cedar getaway has private baths, balconies with mountain views, hearty breakfasts, guest laundry and ski room. We are located in Whitefish on the road to The Big Mountain and within walking distance of shopping, dining and Amtrak. Come relax in front of our crackling fires or unwind in our outdoor spa. Ski packages available. 537 Wisconsin Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-860-5488, Fax 406-862-5489, www.wtp.net/go/goodrx.

SCOTT SPIKER

Grouse Mountain Lodge. Full-service conference resort featuring restaurant, lounge with entertainment, pool, sauna, whirlpools and meeting facilities for up to 300 people. Located on a 15 km, full-service, cross-country ski area. Complimentary scheduled shuttle to and from The Big Mountain Ski Resort and to and from the airport and Amtrak. 1205 US 93 W, Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-321-8822, 406-862-3000, Fax 406-862-0326.

Kandahar Lodge. Kandahar Lodge is a beautiful 50 room hotel located in the village area of The Big Mountain. Ski in and ski out of our rustic yet elegant mountain lodge. Enjoy European style dining in Cafe Kandahar and have your favorite beverage in the "Snug" bar or in the sunken lobby in front of the huge rock fireplace. Delightful new spa with sauna, jacuzzi and steam room. Amenities include conference room, cable TV, phones, laundry, free village shuttle and kids under 12 stay free. It's what a ski lodge should be. P.O. Box 1659, Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-862-6094, 406-862-6098, Fax 406-862-6095.

La Villa Montana. A new chalet bed and breakfast inspired by the alpine charm of Italy's Tyrol region–lodging for skiers hosted by skiers. Enjoy the warmth and special treatment La Villa offers its guests. Four western-style rooms with private baths, including a two-bedroom suite with kitchen. Delicious skiers' breakfasts, apres ski appetizers, huge fireplace, mountain views and hot tub under the stars. Special Big Mountain Discount Ski Packages available. P.O. Box.4390, Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-652-8455, Fax 406-892-0690.

Mountain Holiday Motel. One mile south of downtown Whitefish, just eight miles from The Big Mountain. Ski shuttle. Queen beds, remote cable TV, large indoor and outdoor pools, jacuzzi, sauna, guest laundry and hospitality room. Restaurants, theaters and shopping nearby. $35-$60. Excellent ski packages. Children under 12 stay free. Box 338, Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-543-8064, Fax 406-862-3103. Visit us online at: http://www.vtown.com/mholiday.

Quality Inn-Pine Lodge. Only eight miles from The Big Mountain Ski Resort. Classic 76-room motel offers something for everyone. Select a comfortable room or an elegant suite with private hot tub, fireplace and kitchenette. Complimentary continental breakfast. Heated indoor/outdoor pools and hot tub. Free airport and Amtrak shuttle. Packages available. 920 Spokane Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-305-7463, 406-862-7600, Fax 406-862-7616.

Best Western Rocky Mountain Lodge. Brand-new 79-room hotel, one mile south of Amtrak Depot in Whitefish and eight miles from The Big Mountain Ski Resort. Amenities include: complimentary continental breakfast, heated pool and spa, laundry, exercise room, data ports, shuttle service, suites with fireplace, wet bar and jacuzzi. 2,600 sq. ft. of meeting and banquet space. 6510 US 93 S, Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-862-2569, 406-862-2569, Fax 406-862-1154, E-mail: bwrml @fcva.org., Internet address: http://www.fcva.org/rckymtn. Call us direct for excellent ski packages!

Whitefish Lake Lodge. Directly on the shores of Whitefish Lake, on the road to The Big Mountain Ski & Summer Resort and just minutes from charming downtown Whitefish. Every one-, two- and three-bedroom condominium is professionally decorated with all the modern conveniences including gas fireplaces and private balconies. Views include fantastic sunsets, magnificent Montana mountains and pristine Whitefish Lake. For the finest winter vacation in Montana, come to Whitefish Lake Lodge where a cozy fire and relaxing atmosphere are waiting for you. P.O. Box 2040, 1399 Wisconsin Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-735-8869, 406-862-2929, Fax 406-862-3550.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

Montana Mountain Lodge. Ideal for skiers and snowmobilers. Located in the Little Belt Mountains. Snowmobile and cross-country ski from the front door. Situated on 200 miles of groomed snowmobile trails, 10 miles to Showdown Ski Area and groomed cross-country trail system. Five rooms with private baths. Hot tub. Full breakfast included, dinner available for guests. Group rates. Snowmobile rentals available. 1780 89 N, White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645, 800-631-4713, 406-547-3773.

WISDOM

Nez Perce Motel. Come to the place where snow comes early and stays late! Eight clean and comfortable rooms with warm Western hospitality are what you will find at the Nez Perce Motel. Only 26 miles from Lost Trail Powder Mountain and Chief Joseph cross-country ski areas. Snowmobile trails close by. Open year-round with affordable

rates. P.O. Box 123, MT 43, Wisdom, MT 59761, 406-689-3254.

STATEWIDE

TownHouse Inns of Montana. Eight locations throughout Montana–Butte, Columbus, Conrad, Dillon, Great Falls, Hamilton, Havre, Shelby are near one or more of Montana's premier ski areas. All of our motels feature amenities you need after a day of winter play, but the price won't keep you off the slopes! Discover why so many winter enthusiasts already know why the TownHouse Inns are "Montana's Best Lodging Value." Call our toll-free central reservation line, 800-442-INNS.

SNOWMOBILE RENTALS/SERVICE

BOZEMAN

Team Bozeman Rentals. You haven't seen Montana until you've seen it on a snowmobile! Go in style—explore over 200 miles of nearby trails on a 1997 Yamaha long-track. Choose from three models—485cc Phazer, 485cc Venture (two passenger) or the newly redesigned Mountain Max performance sled. Helmets, clothing and trailers are available. Ask about our special weekday rental rates! Reservations strongly suggested. 2641 Jackrabbit Lane, Bozeman, MT 59715, phone or Fax 406-388-PLAY (388-7529).

BUTTE

Redline Sports. Redline Sports is an authorized dealer for Polaris and SKI-DOO® snowmobiles offering sales of new and used snowmobiles, a fully stocked parts and accessory department, as well as a service department staffed by three factory-trained technicians specializing in high altitude set-up. 2050 Harrison Ave., Butte, MT 59701, 800-233-3884, 406-782-9129, Fax 723-7928.

NEIHART

Montana Snowmobile Adventures. Snowmobile rentals located on Lewis & Clark National Forest at Showdown Ski Area with more than 240 miles of groomed trails. Featuring new Arctic Cat snowmobiles, full line of clothing rental available. Gasoline, oil, belts, parts and accessories at Showdown. Repair shop and service center in Neihart. P.O. Box 5, Neihart, MT 59465, 406-236-5358, Fax 406-236-5395.

SEELEY LAKE

Seeley Lake Recreation., located at Kurt's Polaris, invites you to snowmobile from our front door, with more than 250 miles of groomed trails to a variety of lodging and eating establishments in the beautiful Swan Valley. Available are snowmobiles, guides, trailers, clothing, deliveries and group rates. See why Polaris Industries did their 1997 photo shoot here for their national advertising campaign. P.O. Box 532, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2833, Fax 406-677-3290.

WEST YELLOWSTONE

Hi Country Snowmobile Rental. New Arctic Cat snowmobiles, heated handlebars, some electric-start, full line of rental clothing, maps of area trails and guides are available. Packages and group rates. Located at Pine Shadows Motel. Let us show you how to enjoy winter in Yellowstone Country. Your hosts: Blaine and Vickie Heaps. US 20 and Hayden Ave., P.O. Box 721, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 800-624-5291, 406-646-7541, Fax 406-646-9647.

Rendezvous Snowmobile Rentals. Featuring Polaris snowmobiles. New machines every year, courtesy shuttle in town, heated handlebars, tall windshields, adult and kids' clothing, group rates, skier discounts, lodging packages, 25 years in West Yellowstone. Just five blocks from park entrance. Best rates in the area. Call for free information package. P.O. Box 580, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 800-426-7669, Fax 406-646-9353.

WHITEFISH

Glacier MotorSports/SKI-DOO®. Guided half-day trips depart daily from The Big Mountain summit, or we will custom-design outings for beginners to experts on 200 miles of groomed trails with spectacular mountaintop views and powder play areas. Full-service SKI-DOO® dealer, friendly guides, clothing, bonfire BBQ lunch/dinner rides to Big Mountain Summit House, package/group rates. Reservations required. P.O. Box 2009, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, 800-221-5098, 406-892-2195.

WINTER ACTIVITIES

Absaroka Dogsled Treks. Located 30 miles north of Yellowstone Park at Chico Hot Springs, off US 89. Nestled in the Absaroka Mountain Range, guided two-hour, half- or full-day dog sled treks provide a unique opportunity to travel Montana's backcountry without disturbing the land or wildlife. Enjoy soaking in the hot springs pool at Chico's historically romantic lodge. Accommodations, dining, saloon and activities available. Open year-round. Drawer D, Pray, MT 59065, 406-333-4933, Fax 406-333-4694.

WILDLIFE VIEWING

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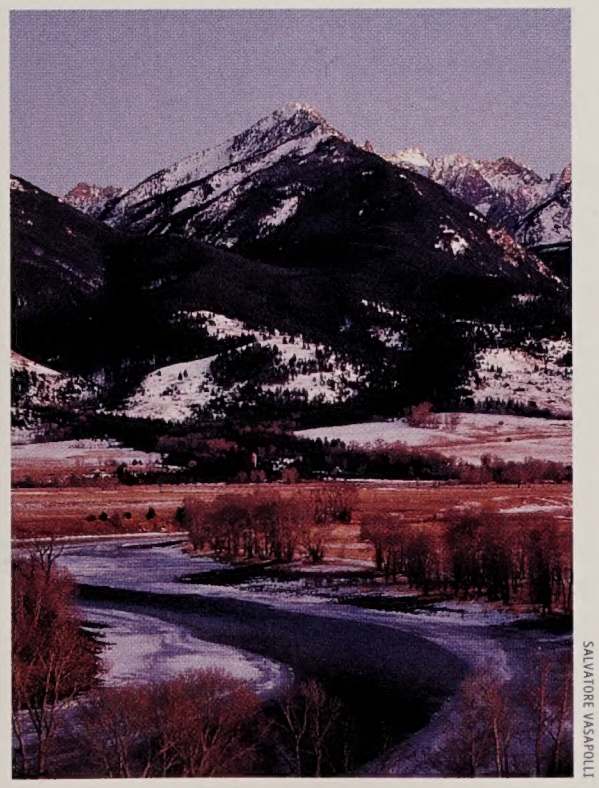

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WINTER RECREATION SAFETY TIPS

HAZARDS & RISKS

It is impossible to keep recreationists informed on the status of millions of acres of forest and thousands of miles of trails. Snow conditions can change dramatically from day to day, even hour to hour. Be on the lookout for rocks, stumps and fallen trees. Other potential hazards include caves and overlooks, abandoned mining tunnels and shafts, decaying structures and equipment, contaminated water, changing weather conditions, landslides and avalanches, exhaustion and hypothermia.

WINTER WEATHER

The winter recreation season generally extends from late November through March, with snow conditions improving as the season progresses. Temperatures can range from 50 degrees above zero to 50 below, but averages generally run from 20 to 35 degrees above zero, with mostly sunny skies. Storms can develop quickly and you should be prepared for them:

- Be in good physical condition when you set out.
- Check the forecast before you leave.
- Pack enough extra clothing, food and gear for a possible overnight.
- Let someone know where you're going and when you intend to return.
- Travel in groups of at least three; if snowmobiling, have two machines.
- Turn back if the weather looks bad.

WINDCHILL

Wind can be a deadly enemy because of its cooling effect on already cold temperatures. The windchill chart illustrates the effect of wind and temperature on a dry, properly clothed person. If clothing is wet from perspiration or precipitation, the effect is even greater.

HYPOTHERMIA

Hypothermia is a loss of body temperature caused by exposure to cold and aggravated by moisture, wind and exhaustion. If steps are not taken to raise the victim's body temperature, mental and physical collapse will result. Watch for these symptoms:

- Uncontrollable fits of shivering
- Vague, slow, slurred speech
- Memory lapses, incoherence
- Immobile, fumbling hands
- Frequent stumbling
- Drowsiness, exhaustion

To avoid hypothermia, stay dry. Insulate your body against cold, wet weather by wearing wool or fleece pile and waterproof clothing, including a knit cap. Dress warmly before you start shivering. If your clothing doesn't keep you warm, get out of the cold. If you can't get out, build a fire and make camp while you still have energy. Don't wait until you're exhausted.

To treat hypothermia, shelter the victim and remove all wet clothing. Get the victim into warm, dry clothes, a warm, dry sleeping bag and try to feed the victim warm liquids. Keep the victim awake. If he or she becomes sick or unconscious, seek medical attention immediately.

AVALANCHE

Avalanche is a real and present danger. Carry and know how to use avalanche equipment, including transceivers, probe poles and shovels. A wall of moving, suffocating snow leaves few survivors in its wake. The best way to avoid an avalanche is to understand avalanche conditions and reroute your trip to avoid them. Avalanches occur when loose snow or a slab of snow starts moving down a slope. They are triggered by a variety of slope, snow and weather conditions; many times they are triggered by human impact. Slope conditions to watch out for are steep slopes or smooth, open slopes. Short slopes can be as dangerous as long ones. Leeward slopes are dangerous because wind-deposited snow adds depth and may create unstable slabs of snow.

Avoid avalanches by staying away from mountainous terrain after heavy snowfall or prolonged periods of high wind. Avoid crossing steep side hills or entering narrow, steeply sided canyons. The safest routes are on ridgetops and on the windward side, away from cornices. The next safest route is out in the valley, far from the bottom of a slope.

IF YOU ARE CAUGHT IN AN AVALANCHE:

- Call out so other members of your party can track your location.
- If snowmobiling, discard all equipment and get away from your snowmobile.
- Make swimming motions and try to stay on top; work your way to the side of the avalanche.

WINDCHILL CHART

Wind Speed	Temperature (F)											
0	40	30	20	10	5	0	-10	-20	-30	-40	-50	-60
	Equivalent Chill Temperature											
5	35	25	15	5	0	-5	-15	-25	-35	-45	-55	-70
10	30	15	5	-10	-15	-20	-35	-45	-60	-70	-80	-95
15	25	10	-5	-20	-25	-30	-45	-60	-70	-85	-100	-110
20	20	5	-10	-25	-30	-35	-50	-65	-80	-95	-110	-120
25	15	0	-15	-30	-35	-45	-60	-75	-90	-105	-120	-135
30	10	0	-20	-30	-40	-50	-65	-80	-95	-110	-125	-140
35	10	-5	-20	-35	-40	-50	-65	-80	-100	-115	-130	-145
40	10	-5	-20	-35	-45	-55	-70	-85	-100	-115	-130	-150

Danger

Increased Danger (Skin may freeze within 1 minute)

Great Danger (Skin may freeze within 30 seconds)

- As you feel the avalanche slow, try to thrust your hand, other part of your body or ski pole, above the surface.
- Before the snow settles, slip your arm in front of your face to clear an air space.
- Try not to panic; you need to conserve oxygen.

IF YOU ARE A SURVIVOR, YOU ARE A VICTIM'S BEST HOPE OF SURVIVAL.

- Mark the place where you last saw the victim and keep your eyes fixed on the moving mass of snow in which he or she is trapped.
- Search for the victim directly downslope from the last sighted area when the snow stops moving.
- Use a ski pole or stick to probe the snow.
- Stay with the victim unless help is only a few minutes away; after 30 minutes, the victim has only a 50 percent chance of survival.
- If the victim is found, treat for hypothermia, suffocation and shock.

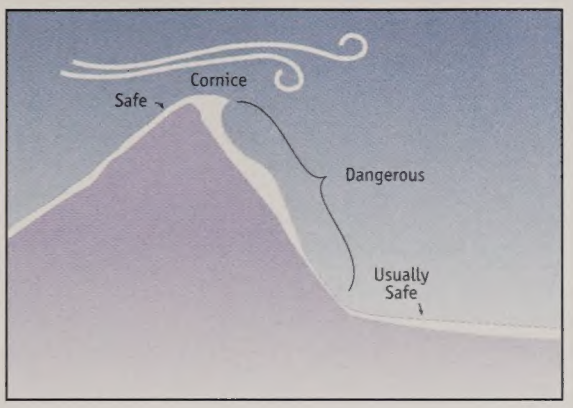
Avalanches may occur at any time during the winter. Avalanche conditions are available at local forest service offices.

AVALANCHE ADVISORY

Northwest Montana
800-526-5329 or 406-257-8402

West Yellowstone
406-646-7912

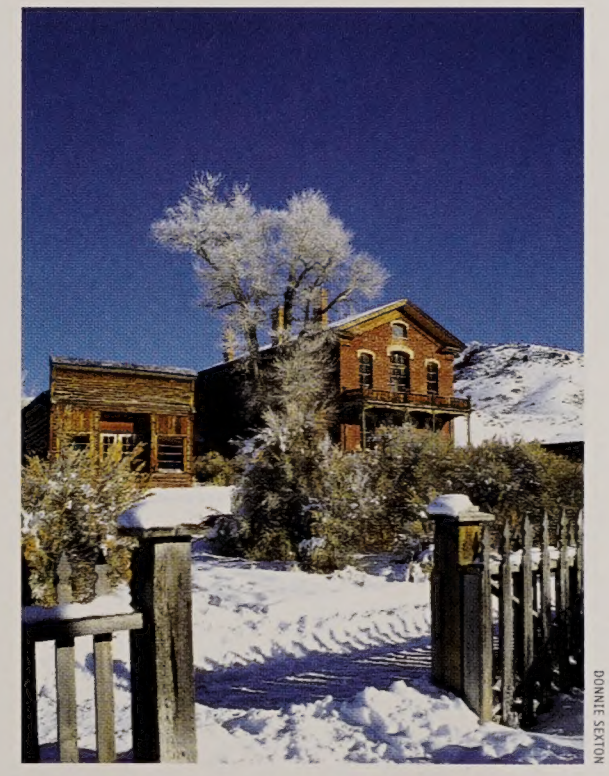
Lolo and Bitterroot National Forests
406-549-4488 or 800-281-1030



PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Winter recreationists are responsible for their own personal safety.

- Snowmobilers must know how to operate their machines and should always drive safely and courteously.
- Snowmobilers should operate machines at safe speeds and be prepared to stop within half the distance they can see when driving.
- Skiers and snowboarders should always stay within the limits of their abilities.
- Drinking doesn't mix with snowmobiling, skiing, snowboarding or any other outdoor winter activity requiring clear judgment.
- Snowmobilers, skiers and snowboarders must yield to those who are moving slower.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TRAVEL ADVICE FROM MONTANA'S SNOWPLOW DRIVERS

Montana keeps highways open throughout the winter, but travelers face tough conditions at times. Montana's snowplow drivers offer this advice:

VISIBILITY

See and be seen. Keep your headlights and tail lights clean, especially in stormy weather. Keep windows clean and make sure defrosters work well. If snow has built up on your vehicle overnight or after a break from driving, clear it away so it doesn't blow off and obscure your windows.

COMMON SENSE

Leave plenty of room between your vehicle and those around you. Drive defensively. Don't assume the other vehicle can or will stop at intersections. Test the road. Don't wait until you have to stop to test your traction. Watch for a safe place and then gently test your brakes. If road conditions seem to have changed, look for a safe place and test braking again.

PATIENCE

Give yourself extra time to travel in winter. Being in a hurry in a storm or on icy roads is sure to get you in trouble. Passing when you can't see ahead and driving too fast for road conditions cause serious accidents in Montana each year.

Finally, leave the **cruise control off** for winter driving. It can accelerate your vehicle just as you hit a patch of ice or a slippery bridge deck.

Always be prepared with road and weather information before you set out on your way. Call **800-226-ROAD (7623)** from the US or Canada for current Montana road and weather conditions.

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